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Almost four months had passed since the Marianas Visitors Authority first presented its \$6.2 million tourism campaign to the governor and lawmakers yet no funding source has so far been identified to help boost the CNMI's only industry, said House minority leader Rep. Diego T. Benavente (R-Saipan). **See 4 MONTHS on Page 4**

House approves 2 bills taxing laptops, vitamin water

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The House of Representatives passed yesterday two so-called revenue-generating bills that include lifting the excise tax exemptions for laptop and desktop computers worth less than \$5,000, the threshold set years back when office computer equipment still cost a couple of thousands of dollars.

House floor leader George Camacho (Ind-Saipan), author **See HOUSE on Page 4**

Fund members withdraw \$4.6M in contributions

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A total of 475 members of the NMI Retirement Fund withdrew from the program in fiscal year 2010, taking back contributions amounting to about \$4.6 million.

Fund administrator Richard Villagomez disclosed to *Saipan* **See FUND on Page 4**



Rep. Frederick P. Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), right, raises his hand to get the speaker's attention to comment on tourism issues, while Vice Speaker Felicidad Ogomoro (Cov-Saipan), left, and Rep. Ray Basa (Cov-Saipan) look on during yesterday's House session.

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Contracts for 2 long-time consultants not renewed

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The board of directors of the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance, or SHEFA, reaffirmed its decision yesterday to end its relationship with its long-time consultants, Marianas Pacific Network and Dris Student Services, after the board decided to hire an

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Local

Scores turn out for diabetes walk and candlelight vigil

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The CNMI community joined the rest of the world in observing World Diabetes Day on Nov. 14 by taking part in the 2010 World Diabetes Candlelight Walk and Vigil.

Over a hundred community members participated in the walk that began at 4:30pm followed by the candlelight vigil, both held at the Oleai Sports Complex track and field.

Janet Maratita, program manager for the Department of Public Health Diabetes Preven-

tion and Control Program, said the candlelight vigil is only one among 640 lightings in 60 other countries across the globe.

Maratita said this was the first time the Commonwealth took part in the World Diabetes Day celebration.

"Considering the lack of financial resources and it fell on a Sunday, we are pleased [with] the turnout. It was very successful," she said.

Initiated by the International Diabetes Federation, World Diabetes Day is the main awareness campaign for diabetes worldwide. The logo for the World

Diabetes Day is a blue circle, indicating the unity of the global diabetes community in dealing with the disease.

Maratita told *Saipan Tribune* that members of the Commonwealth Diabetes Coalition as well as program partners also participated in the event.

She said participants walked a mile around the track and then lit blue candles in honor of loved ones and other community members who have passed away because of diabetes.

According to Maratita, 2008 health data show that over 3,600 individuals were diagnosed with

diabetes. In 2009, about 120 new cases were recorded and some 800 individuals visited the Commonwealth Health Center for treatment and consultation.

Maratita highlighted the complications caused by diabetes such as kidney failure, blindness, limb amputation, heart attacks, and strokes.

"We really need to bring awareness to the people and encourage them to eat healthy and stay physically active," she said.

Maratita emphasized that diabetes is a disease that can be controlled and prevented. "Prevention is the key for this non-communi-

cable epidemic," she added.

Maratita said the community's participation last World Diabetes Day shows that the public is becoming more aware about diabetes advocacy.

"Although there's still a lot more to be done, the good thing about it is that we're getting our act together. We need to unite and really bring diabetes to light and let the CNMI community become aware of diabetes control," she said.

Saipan, Rota road projects slow down

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The progress of road improvement projects on Saipan and Rota has slowed down due to various causes.

In an interview with *Saipan Tribune*, Department of Public Works Secretary Martin C. Sablan said these projects have been prolonged because of the setbacks they experienced during the course of the project.

Sablan said Phase 1A of the Cross Island Road Project on Route 31 is taking longer than its original schedule because of the telephone poles that had to be relocated, as well as water lines and fiber optic cables at the construction site.

The Cross Island Road Project involves the construction of roughly 2 miles or 10,500 feet of paved highway in San Vicente/Papago.

Hawaiian Rock Products Corp. is the project contractor for the project.

"Phase 1A of the Cross Island Road Project was expected to be finished a couple of months ago but was delayed because

Aside from the candlelight walk and vigil, Maratita said they also conduct Walk on Wednesdays for the month of November.

Walk on Wednesdays, which starts at Oleai Pavilion from 4:30pm to 5:30pm, also offers free diabetes screenings.

Maratita said they will also have an information booth and offer free screening during the 2010 Health and Wellness Fair at the Civic Center in Susupe on Nov. 20.

of all these underground lines," said Sablan, adding that they have been working with the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. to deal with the obstruction.

Sablan said that in a month or two, a traffic light would be put up at the former round house in San Vicente.

The official said GPPC, contractor for the Route 10 Project in Rota, also submitted a request for contract time extension last Nov. 5.

Sablan said GPPC requested for a 78-day extension for the road hazard elimination project because of material-related issues.

According to Sablan, the contractor was affected by the lack of quarrying materials needed to complete the project.

On the other hand, Sablan said the Route 11 road construction project is almost complete. In fact, he already received the notice of substantial completion from project contractor GPPC.

Sablan said they are scheduled to send personnel in the project site to examine and evaluate the work done by GPPC.

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Froilan not stepping down as speaker just yet

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House Speaker Froilan Tenorio (Cov-Saipan) said he is not stepping down just yet as speaker—over a month after his statement that he will do so in a month or two—as he sets sight on bills he has long wanted to introduce besides his controversial casino legislation that the Senate killed.

These include bills privatizing the Northern Marianas College, the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., and the Commonwealth Health Center, as well as an initiative calling for the election of the CNMI attorney general.

Tenorio, a former governor, informed members of the House leadership that he will be letting go of three of four of his staff by Dec. 31 and hire a legal counsel instead to help him draft his bills.

He said the legal counsel will be an independent contractor that he hopes will accept his offer.

Tenorio's plan to introduce a legislative initiative calling for an elected AG comes at a time when Rep. Frank Dela Cruz's (R-Saipan) legislative initiative on an elected AG will be dis-

cussed in today's resumption of the House session.

Dela Cruz again reminded his colleagues yesterday to act on his House Legislative Initiative 17-2, which sat for a long time in a committee before being reported out. The committee recommended that the full House membership act on it.

The speaker told reporters that he has concerns with Dela Cruz's initiative, including the age and residency thresholds.

He said if Dela Cruz's initiative is rejected today by House members, then the speaker will introduce his own initiative.

Dela Cruz's initiative requires an elected AG to be at least 35 years old, but Tenorio said this should be raised to 50 years old.

"The more you age, the wiser you get," he told reporters in his conference room after the House session yesterday.

The speaker also wants the residency requirement to be as short as that for voting eligibility in the CNMI, and not five years as Dela Cruz proposes.

"Paying the attorney general \$150,000 a year, I agree with

that because the chief law enforcement officer should be getting a good salary but I don't like the idea of a five-year residency," he said.

The speaker also plans an oversight hearing on the eligibility of Tinian and Rota municipal officials and employees to receive benefits from the NMI Retirement Fund.

But Rep. Rafael Demapan (Cov-Saipan), chairman of the Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations, said he is still working with the legal counsel about the oversight hearing.

The speaker said he also plans an oversight hearing on the Legislative Bureau director's post, but no schedule has been set yet.

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SHEFA board approves 628 scholars

Of the 900 applications received by the Saipan Higher Educational Financial Assistance this year, the board approved 628 students who will benefit from the scholarship program.

Maggie Camacho, acting chairperson of the SHEFA board, disclosed yesterday that the approved applications included the 28 applications that were recently reversed following review of the students' applications.

To date, a total of 383 checks have been released for SHEFA scholars: 175 for on-island and

208 for off-island recipients.

Camacho confirmed that at present, there are a total of 245 pending checks: 173 for on-island and 72 for off-island students.

SHEFA was created primarily to provide supplemental financial assistance to qualified Saipan and Northern Mariana Islands residents attending postsecondary, trade, and technical schools.

The source of funding comes from the poker machine fees on the island of Saipan. (*Moneth G. Deposa*)



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16 schools to take part in Christmas tree decoration contest

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A total of 16 public and private elementary schools will be participating in the 5th Annual Christmas Tree Decorating Contest at the Paseo de Marianas in Garapan.

These schools are the Tanapag Elementary School, Saipan Community School, Koblerville Elementary School, Dandan Elementary School, Garapan Elementary School, Agape Christian School, San Vicente Elementary School, William S. Reyes Elementary School, Golden Harvest Interna-

tional School, Oleai Elementary School, Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School, Kagman Elementary School, Joshua Generation International Academy, San Antonio Elementary School, Green Meadow School, and Grace Christian Academy.

Sonia Siwa of PDM Promoters, event organizer, said this is the most number of schools that have entered to join the annual event that promotes recycling.

The Annual Christmas Tree Decorating Contest is PDM Promoters' primary event during the holiday season.

Siwa told *Saipan Tribune* the contest also aims to make the Paseo de Marianas and Garapan vicinity a family-oriented place that is safe and clean for tourists and the local community.

Participating schools compete by decorating Christmas trees using recycled materials such as plastic cans, water bottles, and tin cans.

Siwa said all Christmas trees to be decorated this year measure 9 feet tall, as opposed to last year's 7 feet.

Participants are scheduled to decorate the Christmas trees

on Dec. 1.

Judging of the entries is on Dec. 2, the same time that the giant Christmas tree to be built by RNV Construction will be unveiled.

According to Siwa, prizes for the contest winners will be the same as last year. The grand prize winner will take home \$5,000; second place will receive \$3,000, while the third place will take home \$2,000.

Last year, Joshua Generation International Academy bagged the grand prize, besting 13 other teams.

Man arrested for disturbing the peace

A man who has two pending criminal cases was served with an arrest warrant Monday afternoon for allegedly bothering a minor girl in the past few months.

Duansheng Hong, also known as Peter Hong, was arrested for disturbing the peace and taken to the Superior Court yesterday morning. Bail was set at \$1,000 cash. Hong posted bail. Arraignment is on Nov. 29.

Viola Alepuyo appeared as counsel for Hong. Assistant attorney general Shelli Neal represented the government in the case.

A lawyer told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday he does not understand why the government had to seek an arrest warrant when the charge is only disturbing the peace.

The lawyer, who requested anonymity, said the government should instead have summoned Hong to appear in court.

He cited a more serious case of sexual assault involving an

official of the Department of Public Works, where the suspect was not arrested but only summoned to appear in court.

According to a police report filed in court, a couple went to the police on Sept. 14, 2010, to file a disturbing the peace complaint against Hong. The couple told police that Hong has been stalking their minor daughter and her boyfriend.

Hong has also allegedly been sending text messages to the girl. One text message was allegedly sent to the girl's parents, stating that their daughter and her boyfriend were selling illegal drugs.

Hong has a pending criminal case for his alleged involvement in smuggling Chinese nationals to the CNMI. He also has a pending criminal contempt of court case.

Hong has pleaded not guilty to the charges in both cases. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**

Tinian man in 'ice' trafficking case gets 15-week time served sentence

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The federal court handed down yesterday a time-served sentence on a Tinian Mayor's Office employee who admitted being involved in the distribution of methamphetamine or "ice."

This means that Henry M. San Nicolas, who has been detained for 15 weeks now, will immediately go free. He will, however, be placed in three years of supervised release.

U.S. District Court for the NMI visiting judge Mark Bennett also ordered the 35-year-

old Nicolas to pay a \$100 court assessment fee and perform 50 hours of community service.

Nicolas, who works at the Tinian Mayor's Office's Dog Control Program, was also required to register as a sex offender.

At the sentencing, San Nico-

las read a statement asking for the court's mercy and accepting responsibility for his action.

James N. Camacho, lawyer for San Nicolas, told *Saipan Tribune* after the sentencing that San Nicolas and his family extend their appreciation to the judge.

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Benavente said the Fitial administration also has yet to present a legislation it promised to sponsor to help implement the \$6.2 million MVA program.

Under the \$6.2 million tourism campaign, MVA will provide "monetary incentive" to travel agents for every passenger from the Japanese cities of

Osaka and Nagoya that they will be able to bring to Saipan during so-called low peak periods.

The maximum cash incentive per passenger is \$100.

"As you are aware, the CNMI's economy continues to descend, yet it seems that this administration is not aggressively working to bring back the Osaka and Nagoya passengers to help expand our tourism industry and assist in putting more resources into the coffers of our Common-

wealth that is running dry in an alarming rate," Benavente told Fitial in a Nov. 10 letter, which Benavente discussed during yesterday's session.

Benavente said prior to closing an Aug. 4 meeting with MVA and lawmakers, Fitial had offered to draft legislation to fund the MVA campaign.

House Speaker Froilan Tenorio (Cov-Saipan), during yesterday's session, asked Benavente why he has to wait for the Fitial

administration to draft a bill when he can introduce one.

"Why wait for the governor? Why not introduce it yourself?" Tenorio asked Benavente.

Benavente, in response, said because it will be an appropriations bill, he needs to identify source of funding for the program.

Tenorio suggested that Benavente talk with acting governor Eloy S. Inos.

"I am serious about this... Why don't you do something

about it?" Tenorio told Benavente.

Earlier in the House session, MVA managing director Perry Tenorio addressed House members about MVA's unpaid obligations, as well as other related matters including the governor's line-item veto of a provision in the budget law that pays KNT and other travel partners for charter flights to Rota and Tinian.

Vice Speaker Felicidad Ogu-

moro (Cov-Saipan) asked for a future meeting with MVA on how to help Rota and Tinian tourism.

In August, MVA presented the Osaka and Nagoya Air Stabilization Incentive Campaign, which seeks to secure year-round air service from these two significant Japanese cities. The periods covered by MVA's proposed program are from Sept. 1 to Dec. 15, 2010, and from April 1 to July 15, 2011. Each of these so-called low peak periods has 105 days.

SHEFA

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administrator for the program.

Maggie Camacho, acting chairperson of the board, confirmed yesterday that the decision was reached to address the issue raised by the Office of the Public Auditor on April 7, 2008 in its review of SHEFA's compliance with

its enabling legislation and other laws.

Saipan Tribune learned that Marianas Pacific Network, owned by former lawmaker William Torres, has been doing consultancy work for SHEFA for about five years now. Another consultant, Sue Dris, has been with the program for almost the same length of time. Each contract amounts to about \$40,000 annually. Dris and Tor-

res are retirees.

The contracts for the two consultants expired last Sept. 30, 2010.

However, *Saipan Tribune* learned that Torres has been reporting and representing the SHEFA in formal functions despite the non-renewal of the contract. One of these instances was the recent session held by the Saipan delegation.

Camacho confirmed yes-

terday that she wrote Torres on Oct. 6 informing him about the contract's non-renewal. She also claimed that the board was not privy to the contracts because these were signed by the former board chairpersons.

"The board has decided to restructure the operations of the office, and do away with contracting a consultant. We will be getting an administra-

tor to be answerable to the board, with more definitive relationship at the workplace," said Camacho yesterday.

She said Saipan Mayor Donald Flores will assist the office in hiring an administrator, which will be announced soon.

"We hope to have the person on board by next week to take over the daily operations of SHEFA office," she added.

"We wish to express our

heartfelt appreciation to all the previous board members, the services of Marianas Pacific Network Mr. William Torres, and Dris Student Services for their untiring dedication and commitment to make SHEFA what it is today. They did set the groundwork of SHEFA, and assisted the many students, both on-going and those who have achieved their educational goals," said Camacho.

HOUSE

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of House Bill 17-73, said nowadays, laptops mostly cost less than \$1,000, and the CNMI has long been losing out on taxes from these items.

Camacho's bill amends an existing law exempting from excise tax personal and office computer equipment having a value of less than \$5,000.

"We could have collected more from taxing these comput-

ers," he told his fellow members during the session.

HB 17-73 passed on a 14-4 vote. It now goes to the Senate for action.

In an interview after the session, Camacho said he hopes the Senate will pass the bill, especially since senators have been pushing for the passage of revenue-generating measures.

"I hope that the Senate will pass the bill as it is, or with minimum amendment," Camacho told *Saipan Tribune*.

The bill also authorizes the

Finance Department to classify "new products" for taxation purposes.

Camacho said there are now products such as so-called vitamin water or power drinks that were still not in existence when the laws were passed, exempting them from taxes.

He said he introduced the bill at the request of the Customs Division.

2% tax on Energy Star items

House members debated over

Camacho's HB 17-79 but the motion to pass it got a 9-9 vote which Benavente said means it did not pass.

HB 17-79 applies a 2-percent ad valorem excise to items bearing Energy Star certification from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy.

Dela Cruz, during the session, said Energy Star products are already more expensive than less energy efficient products and applying a 2-percent tax will further increase their costs.

House minority leader Diego Benavente (R-Saipan) cited the need to reduce dependence on fossil fuel and to look for ways to protect the environment.

Rep. Ray Yumul (R-Saipan) echoed Dela Cruz's concern that the 2 percent tax will force consumers to buy cheaper yet less energy efficient products than energy efficient ones that will become more expensive than they already are.

House Speaker Froilan Tenorio (Cov-Saipan) said if it were for him, he would imple-

ment the full 5-percent tax on these items.

He said the tax is only a one-time deal, and the long-term benefit is more energy efficient appliances and lesser utility bills.

Tenorio, during the session, asked the members what they want—they want revenue-generating bills but do not want to pass this one.

"Where the hell will you get revenue? You don't want casino, you don't want to tax imported items," he said.

FUND

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Tribune yesterday that these withdrawals were within a 12-month period ending Sept. 30, 2010.

Members gave four reasons for withdrawing their contributions: loss of employment; family or immediate financial need; relocating to the U.S. mainland; and cash out before

reaching 15 years of service, only to be re-employed.

Scores of employees in the government and private sectors have been affected by the deepening economic crisis in the CNMI, which has resulted in massive layoffs, furlough, and work reductions. The impact of uncertainties brought by the federalization of local labor and immigration also contributed to economic up-

heavals in 2009.

Fund records indicate that total refunds last fiscal year reached \$4.571 million.

The Fund recorded the highest amount of member withdrawals in March 2010, amounting to \$845,837. A large number of members also withdrew their contributions in July this year, totaling \$679,780.

As early as October 2009,

the Fund had already paid out \$563,805 in refunds.

The following are the refund breakdown for last fiscal year:

- October 2009, \$563,805;
- November, \$319,831;
- December, \$198,454;
- January, \$157,173;
- February, \$390,643;
- March, \$845,837;
- April, \$271,163;
- May, \$153,005;
- June, \$342,697;

- July, \$679,780;
- August, \$345,538; and
- September, \$303,793

Villagomez admitted that the refund payouts have hurt the Fund's financial condition in terms of cash flow. He pointed out, though, that the reduction of about 600 members from the program would help address the unfunded liability of the Fund.

"In the short term, the reduced

contributions hurts the Fund's cash flow; in the long run it is neutral because the [actuarial accrued liability] is reduced," said Villagomez.

He, however, admitted that the loss of cash inflow is the Fund's immediate concern.

The Fund's total investment portfolio is currently valued at \$313 million. Unfunded liabilities, meantime, is pegged at over \$520 million.

Kilili congressional victory to be made official today

»Commission to nix manual counting in future polls

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Results of the Nov. 2 congressional election that was won by incumbent Gregorio Kilili Sablan become official today following certification by the Commonwealth Election Commission.

Unofficial and partial poll results are considered official 14 days after the election. The certification is scheduled this morning at the commission's office.

Sablan—who won by a wide margin against Covenant Party's Joseph N. Camacho, Republican Party's Juan N. Babauta, and Democratic Party's Jesus Borja—will serve another two years as a non-voting member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

He will be inaugurated in January 2011.

A total of 11,325 votes were cast during the Nov. 2 polls—including early votes and absentee votes. Of the total, Sablan got

4,896 votes; Camacho 2,744; Babauta 1,978; and Borja 1,707.

Although today is the deadline to receive absentee ballots from those serving in the military, commission executive director Robert A. Guerrero said they don't expect the additional votes to change the election results.

"We don't anticipate much change in the number. ... Even if we receive absentee ballots from the military, the number is not enough to make a difference," he said.

Prosecution rests in rape trial; defense lawyer calls witnesses

The lawyer for a 53-year-old man on trial for allegedly repeatedly raping a woman began calling his witnesses yesterday after the prosecution rested its case.

Chief Public Defender Adam Hardwicke, counsel for defendant Michael Blodak, is expected to call more witnesses when Blodak's trial resumes today at 9am in the Superior Court.

The defense's last witness yesterday was Valeria Brel, Blodak's wife.

Police said Brel beat up the victim when she caught Blodak having a sexual encounter with the victim.

Before Brel, Hardwicke called two witnesses—Joe Ruloked and Seba Malsol—to the witness stand.

Assistant attorney general Brian Gallagher rested the government's case yesterday morning after calling all its witnesses, including the alleged victim.

After the prosecution rested its case, Hardwicke moved for a judgment of acquittal. Associate Judge David Wiseman denied the motion.

Hardwicke then began calling the defense's own witnesses.

The Office of the Attorney General had charged Blodak with two counts of sexual as-

sault in the first degree.

The first count refers to the alleged sexual assault that happened from December 2009 to

April 2010. The second count refers to the alleged sexual assault on April 18, 2010.

Blodak claimed that there was no rape because he and the alleged victim had a consensual sexual relationship. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

The CNMI Capital Improvement Program Office/Office of the Governor is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) addressing the site selection for a regulatory compliant landfill on the island of Rota.

In partial fulfillment of the National Environmental Policy Act, a public scoping meeting will be held on Rota at the following time and place:

December 7, 2010 (Tuesday) at the Rota Roundhouse in Songsong from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend this meeting and learn about the proposed landfill sites and to provide oral and/or written comments on specific issues for consideration in the EA. A translator will be in attendance to assist those who wish to submit comments, ask questions, or discuss issues in Chamorro.

Written comments may also be mailed to the address below and be postmarked by January 8, 2011.

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If you prefer, comments may be submitted by e-mail to Rota.landfill.project@gmail.com before January 8, 2011.

For special accommodations or more information, please call 670.483.4000.

His office has yet to receive absentee ballots from the post office as of 3pm yesterday.

The results of the three legislative initiatives that were junked by CNMI voters also become official today.

No more manual counting

Due to "too many hours" spent processing and tabulating the ballots, Guerrero assured yesterday that the commission will not recommend manual counting for

future elections.

He said this year's election had the longest counting period in CNMI history.

"For future elections, we will recommend the use of machines in the processing and counting... because the public deserves a quicker response," said Guerrero.

He explained that one of the factors that delayed the results was the processing of the ballots for four specific areas: candidates and three legislatures.

The processing of the early

votes and absentee ballots, he said, also started past 7pm resulting in the 1am tabulation on Nov. 3.

Guerrero said their limited budget was the main reason why the commissioners opted for the manual counting.

Of about \$70,000 allocated for the 2010 election, \$6,000 was spent on a boat rented for a trip to the Northern Islands, he said.

Despite the limited funding, though, the commission did not incur any shortfall.

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Cepeda, Santos are KagES education awardees

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Kagman Elementary School conferred this year's prestigious teacher of the year and instructor of the year honors on two individuals who will also vie for the CNMI Public School System-wide search this month.

Principal Ignacia Demapan, along with the staff and employees, described this year's awardees as among the finest personnel to represent the school community as ambassadors of education.

Cynthia Cepeda, recipient of the teacher of the year award,

teaches second grade and has been with Kagman Elementary School since 2003. She is the chairperson for the language arts committee and is also at the forefront of the school's accreditation self-study last school year, serving as the chairperson for the curriculum and instruction focus group.

Cepeda also served as a grade level representative in the past year during the teacher learning community discussions. She is described as having excellent classroom management skills



Cepeda



Santos

and a well-organized mentor.

When asked how she feels about becoming the teacher of the year, Cepeda shared how humbled and honored she was to be nominated by her colleagues, but gave a lot of credit to her fellow teachers for their support and hard

work throughout all the challenging moments. She said that, although the recognition is very much appreciated, her role as a teacher does not end there and there is still more work to be done and her goal is to continue teaching and making a difference in each and every student at Kagman Elementary School.

Tricia Santos, this year's instructor of the year awardee, is a Chamorro Carolinian Language Heritage Studies instructor at Kagman Elementary School.

She has been with the Public School System since September 2003. She also spent two as an instructor at San Vicente Elementary School before moving to Kagman Elementary School five years ago.

She keeps herself busy with school functions, as she is a member of the school leadership team as well as numerous school committees. She was the chairperson for the CCLHS Home Group during the accreditation self-study last year. She is also an active volunteer in numerous activities and school functions, from coaching students in academic competitions to chaperoning them in

various after-school community events. She is always eager to help monitor students before and after school.

Santos said she enjoys what she does as an instructor and is committed to making a difference in the lives of the youth, ensuring that they grow up not losing sight of their heritage.

Kagman Elementary School is proud of the accomplishments the school has made this past year in educating the future leaders of the CNMI and attributed all of the success to the hardworking and dedicated students, staff, teachers, parents and leaders of their school community.

Barro is San Antonio school teacher of the year nominee

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year competition this year.

Barro has been an educator for 21 years, of which 18 years

San Antonio Elementary School has named Theresa Barro as its teacher of the year, making her eligible for the Commonwealth's national teacher of the



Barro

were spent at San Antonio Elementary School. Her colleagues say there is no question that Barro loves to teach and enjoys working with children.

Her passion for teaching is what

motivates her, and is something she believes in—a trait that all great teachers have. She said teaching brings her an incredible feeling of satisfaction knowing she is contributing positively to the future of the children.

Barro is a committed teacher and goes above and beyond the time required of a typical teacher. She is committed to the curriculum and enjoys participating in various workshops in hopes of enhancing her profession as an educator. Barro understands her students better than most people. She knows where her students come from, who they are, and what direction to take them to succeed.

In addition, she builds a relationship with her students; relationships that consist of mutual trust and respect. To her, this is an essential element in the learning process. She adds, "If a student respects and trusts her teacher, she will trust and respect the message and knowledge that teacher imparts to her."

Barro also devotes her time to the community. She is member of the Commonwealth Cancer Association and is a teacher at her church. She also chairs various activities at San Antonio and the school accreditation under the language component.

According to her colleagues, Barro exemplifies the fine qualities of a great leader and always goes beyond the call of duty in order to provide her students the very best.

As a reflection of her untiring devotion to the student of SAES and the community, Barro is a dedicated individual. She is not just a teacher; she is also a leader, a mentor, a colleague, a wife and a mother.

Tinian DPW staff who beat up daughter gets 15-day sentence

The Superior Court has imposed a 15-day prison term on an employee of the Tinian Department of Public Works who beat up his daughter.

Associate Judge Ramona V. Manglona sentenced Rufino Masga Mendiola to a year in prison, all suspended except for 15 days, with credit for the five days he had already served in jail.

Mendiola will start serving the

remaining 10 days on Dec. 12, 2010. He will be released on Dec. 22, 2010, and placed on probation for one year, during which he is barred from consuming any alcoholic beverages.

He is also required to complete a drug and alcohol program.

Police arrested Mendiola on June 25 on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery, disturbing the peace, and

misuse of government vehicle.

Mendiola pleaded guilty to assault and battery as part of a plea bargain. The remaining charges were dismissed. He was represented in the case by Joey P. San Nicolas.

Police said that in the evening of June 18, 2010, Mendiola and his daughter had an argument after she confronted him for allegedly sexually ha-

arrassing her friend.

Mendiola beat up his daughter and hit her head with a cellular phone.

Police said Mendiola, who was drunk, also chased his daughter with a machete, then drove a DPW truck recklessly.

Police said the victim's left cheekbone was swollen and she complained of pain in the back of her head. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*



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DCCA working to have man'amko get free flu shots

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REPORTER

The Office on Aging has asked the Department of Public Health to administer free flu shots to the congregates of the Aging Center.

Community and Cultural Affairs Secretary Melvin Faisao said that Aging Office director Rose Mondala is working closely with DPH to schedule the vaccination.

Faisao told *Saipan Tribune* that they have already communicated with Lyn Rabauliman and John Tagabuel at DPH about this matter.

According to Faisao, the *man'amko* have a higher risk of developing complications from the flu and should be vaccinated at once.

"As senior citizens, they are included among the high priority groups of people who need to get vaccinated. We will do our best to have our *man'amko* receive the

flu shots," said Faisao.

Public Health medical director Shirish Balachandra earlier stated that the CNMI is experiencing an early wave of flu infections this year.

Flu symptoms include pro-

longed high fever, headache, body aches, and persistent dry cough.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention provided DPH with over 18,000 doses of the new seasonal flu vaccine.

Man sentenced for removing turtle

On Monday Nov. 15, 2010, the Superior Court sentenced Jimmy K. Manalo to six months in prison for removing a green sea turtle from CNMI waters.

The six-month sentence is all suspended except for one month, with credit for time served.

Manalo had admitted that, on Sept. 5, 2010, he with others knowingly and willingly possessed a green sea turtle by removing it from the ocean to the land, violating administrative regulations and laws of the CNMI.

Manalo will be placed on three years of probation, pay a \$1000

fine, forfeit the fishing gear used to possess the turtle, and perform community service.

Manalo is barred from boarding a boat for fishing during his probation, and his spearfishing shall be limited and monitored by local conservation authorities.

Chief prosecutor Michael Ernest credited several individuals and organizations for this success. "This is the second of numerous pending convictions and sentences which directly result from the great job done by the conservation officers from the Department of Lands and Natural Resources.

Ada Gymnasium.

The Immunization Program began conducting the free flu shots at all Head Start schools yesterday.

The new flu vaccines are also available at the Commonwealth Health Center through the Immunization and the Children's

to serve significant time in jail."

"The Criminal Division is thankful for the assistance offered by assistant attorney general Eileen Escudero Wisor who is assigned to the Coral Reef Initiative and the numerous federal agencies that offered assistance: NOAA, USFWS, the FBI, the DEA and the Office of the United States Attorney, among others, all lent support. This is a serious issue that merits the attention it has received."

Ernest also thanked the Turtle Advocate and Guardian Society, a newly formed group and biologist John Starmer for their support on this investigation. **(PR)**

Clinics; Pacific Medical Center; Medical Associates of the Pacific; Marianas Medical Center; Saipan Health Clinic; Tinian Health Center; and the Rota Health Center.

Coast Guard assists boat disabled by fire

GUAM—Crewmembers from Coast Guard Station Apra Harbor and Guam Fire Department responded to a call for help from a boater three miles west of Agat Marina on Monday.

A Coast Guard 25-foot response boat crew from Station Apra Harbor located the disabled 19-foot Bayliner's crew and towed the boat and two passengers to the Agat Marina. No injuries were reported.

The Coast Guard urges the public to report all marine emergencies to the Coast Guard Sector Guam Command Center at (671) 564-USCG. **(PR)**



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NMHC RFP 2010-011 - AMENDMENT #02

ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE TINIAN FIRE DIVISION STATION

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, is soliciting Request for Proposals (RFP) for the **Architectural and Engineering Design Services for the Tinian Fire Division Station**, San Jose, Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This design services is funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), under its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

Local Business Preference as amended by Public Law 15-95 and further amended by Public Law 15-118, is not available to local proposers in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal Law granting the funding for this project.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations dated May 24, 2001. Proposals procedures shall be in full compliance with section 4-102 of the regulations.

Prior to being awarded a design contract, the firm or company must have or obtain a valid Certificate of Authorization (COA) from the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Board of Professional Licensing.

The Scope of Work (SOW) will be available on or after Friday, November 12, 2010, at the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation's Office, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) is required for each set. Payment shall be by cash, money order or cashier's check (payable to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation). Pre-Proposal Conference is schedule on Monday, November 22, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. at the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation's Tinian Field Office. Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to Mr. Joshua T. Sasamoto, Corporate Director, NMHC, Saipan, fax to (670) 234-9021 no later than Monday, November 22, 2010 - 4:30 p.m., local time.

Proposers must submit with their proposal a Project Approach and Schedule of completion, with details how the work will be accomplished by the consultants, given the time requirements and resources available as identified in their proposals.

Proposers shall also submit a separate statement of qualifications (names and experience) not to exceed fifty (50) pages. Note that firm that submits a proposal as a prime consultant, **cannot** submit as a subcontractor on another proposal. However, only subcontractor may be included in multiple proposals by different consultants.

Proposal will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Professional qualifications necessary for satisfactory performance of services – 30%
2. Project approach – 20%
3. Capacity to accomplished the work in the required time – 25%
4. Past performance on contract with Government on similar projects – 25%

Proposals must be sealed and marked **NMHC RFP 2010-011**. For proposal within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m., local time, Monday, December 6, 2010. Proposers located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to submit proposal must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 10:00 a.m., local time, Monday, December 6, 2010, and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be marked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal services of a foreign country no later than Monday, December 6, 2010 - AND must be received no later than Friday, December 10, 2010. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

Discussion shall be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the contract requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required.

A contract shall be negotiated with the highest qualified architect-engineer firm at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable can not be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms may be selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reason price is agreed upon;

The successful proposer(s) will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with CNMI Procurement and Supply Regulations Section 3-301.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer(s) awarded a contract for this project, including excise tax.

The government reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals and to waive any imperfections in any Proposal in the best interest of the Government. All Proposals shall become the property of the Government.

/s/ Marcie M. Tomokane
Board Chairwoman & Contracting Officer

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director
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INVITATION TO BID NMHC IFB 2010-014 - AMENDMENT #01

This ad is paid for with HUD funds.

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, hereby give notice that NMHC is soliciting sealed bids for the **REHABILITATION OF THE SUSUPE SPORTS COMPLEX SOFTBALL FIELD FENCING & ELECTRICAL ROOM** in Susupe, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Interested individuals or firms may pick up a copy of the Project Package beginning Friday, November 12, 2010, at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan, during regular working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Monday thru Friday except CNMI and austerity holidays. A non-refundable payment of Fifty dollars (\$50.00) is required for each set. Payment shall be by money order or cashier's check (payable to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation).

Bidders are also advised that this project is subject to compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act. All wage rates for laborers, mechanics and all other employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid the current minimum wage or the wage determination for the Commonwealth as specified in CM20080001 for the Mariana Islands.

A **mandatory pre-bid conference** will be held at **10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 23, 2010**, at the Susupe Sports Complex Softball Field Fencing & Electrical Room project site in Susupe, Saipan, and all interested bidders will be given the opportunity to walk through the proposed project site, familiarize themselves with the required work and ask questions regarding the project. Attendance at this conference and site visit are considered essential to the bidders' understanding of the project elements and a company that does not have a representative in attendance at the pre-bid conference will be considered as a non-responsive bidder.

Sealed Bids must be marked **NMHC IFB 2010-014**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and three (3) copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director, Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than **10:00 a.m., local time, Monday, December 6, 2010**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m., local time, Monday, December 6, 2010 and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515 or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside of the CNMI, an original and three (3) copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U. S. Postal Service or the official government postal service no later than Monday, December 6, 2010 AND must be received by Procurement and Supply no later than Friday, December 10, 2010. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 11:00 a.m. local time, Monday, December 13, 2010. However, if no Notices of Intent to Bid are received from bidders outside of the CNMI, the bids will be opened at 11:00 a.m., local time, Monday, December 6, 2010.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00), a bid security of fifteen percent (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. This security may be in the form of a Certified Check, Cashier's Check, or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC), with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Rehabilitation of the Susupe Sports Complex Softball Field Fencing & Electrical Room". Surety companies must hold a Certificate of Authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General.

Bidding procedures shall be in compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, however, Article 7, "Local Business Preference" is not available to local bidders in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funding for this project.

The bidder submitting the lowest responsible bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 3-301. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with NMHC and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment Bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price. Pursuant to Governor's Directive 251 dated March 15, 2006, bidders are required to include a Clearance from the Office of the Insurance Commissioner with respect to the financial bonding capability of the bidders' chosen Surety.

Performance time for completion of this project is seventy-five (75) calendar days. Liquidated damages will be assessed at One Hundred Dollars (US\$100.00) per calendar day for delays beyond the established completion date.

This project is funded by a grant from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), under its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) provided to the Commonwealth. This project is also subject to Section 3 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1968 which requires recipients of HUD funds and the contractors to help insure that the economic opportunities generated by these HUD funds are provided to local low-income residents and the businesses that serve them "to the maximum extent feasible."

NMHC hereby notifies bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, women and small business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals and will not be discriminated against on grounds of race, color, national origin, political affiliation, creed, sex, religion, age, familial status, and disability status.

All documents received shall be the sole property of the NMHC with the exception of the Bid Bond, Certified Check, or Cashier's Check, which will be returned to the proposers after the acceptance and award of contract to the successful contractor.

The Government reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any defects in the said proposals, if in the sole opinion of NMHC, to do so would be in its best interest. All proposals will become the property of the Government.

/s/ Marcie M. Tomokane
NMHC Board Chairwoman & Contracting Officer

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director
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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

New schedule for MLSC visits to Rota, Tinian

Micronesian Legal Services Corp. attorney Dimitri Varmazis will be on Rota on:

- Thursday, Nov. 18, 2010
- Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2010
- Thursday, Dec. 16, 2010 and
- Thursday, Dec. 23, 2010.

Micronesian Legal Services Corp. attorney Linda Wingenbach will be at the MLSC office at the PM Building on Tinian on:

- Friday, Nov. 19, 2010
- Thursday, Dec. 2, 2010 and
- Friday, Dec. 17, 2010.

Those living on Rota and Tinian who want MLSC help may call the Saipan office (670-234-6243) for an appointment or walk-in and be served on a first-come/first-served basis on the dates of their visits. *(PR)*

Eucon student body to host sacred music concert

The Eucon International College Student Body will hold a sacred

music concert on Saturday, Nov. 20, 2010, at the Agape Auditorium (facing the front gate) at 6pm. Tickets (\$5.00 each) are available at 234-3203/7 or any college students. It will also be available at the entrance on concert day.

The concert will feature piano, flute, violin, trumpet, traditional Chinese instrument, and the like. Sacred music and some Christmas piece will be featured. The students been practicing daily to please and satisfy the audience and to give glory to God.

The concert is part of the student body's fundraising to sponsor its activities. It is the group's second concert. The first one (classical) was held in April this year. We are inviting the public to come and join us. *(PR)*

Chamber seminar on FLSA compliance issues

This Friday, Nov. 19, the Saipan Chamber of Commerce will host a seminar presented by Patrick Candoleta, assistant district director for the Wage and Hour Division of the U.S. Department of

Labor, on Fair Labor Standards Act compliance issues. Major provisions of the FLSA include coverage, minimum pay, overtime pay, youth employment, and recordkeeping. Equally important as complying with the FLSA is knowing if it does *not* apply to one's company or certain employees.

The seminar will be at Pacific Islands Club on Friday, Nov. 19. Registration will begin at 10am and the seminar will begin at 10:30am and will run until approximately noon. Buffet lunch is included. The cost is \$20 per person for members, \$30 per person for non-members. Call the Chamber office (233-7150) or email coordinator@saipan-chamber.com to make reservations. *(SCC)*

Early dismissal at MHS tomorrow

Marianas High School will have early dismissal at 1pm tomorrow, Nov. 18, 2010, for Report Card Day. The school will have an Open House from 3:30pm to 6:30pm on that day.

Counselors will distribute all report cards according to last names at the Counselor's Office. All teachers will be in their classrooms ready to assist any parent visits or concerns.

The following will be included in each child's report card: SAT-10 results for 12th and 10th graders, Graduation Status letter (seniors and graduating juniors), and flyer for Parent Orientation for Saturday, Nov. 20, 2010. *(MHS)*

Open auditions for FoA production

Friends of the Arts announces its upcoming auditions for *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*. Auditions are open to the general public, and will be held on Nov. 19, 6pm – 8pm, and Nov. 20, 3pm – 5pm at Hal Easton's classroom at Marianas High School: D-102. All ages welcome to audition. For more information, contact Frank Gibson at fgibson@yahoo.com. *(PR)*

Cha Cha Ocean View sets report card night

The Cha Cha Ocean View Jr. High School will be having its report card night and PTSA meeting on Thursday, Nov. 18, 2010, from 5pm to 7pm. Cha Cha staff is encouraging all parents and guardians to join us in our first SY 2010-2011 report card night. For more information, call the school at 237-3921 or 664-4100.

PTSA meeting at SSSHS today

To all parents and legal guardians of Saipan Southern High School students, there will be a PTA meeting today, Nov. 17, 2010, at 6pm to 7pm in the Manta café. Term I report cards are scheduled for pickup on Thursday, Nov. 18, 2010, from 3pm to 6pm at the counseling office. All students will be released at 1pm. *(PR)*

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Nov. 17, 1999

Teno holds security meeting with school officials, DPS

In fresh efforts to protect students from growing criminal activities on the island, Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio yesterday met with education and law enforcement officials to ensure that authorities implement security measures inside the campus. During the meeting, the governor inquired if safety programs are in place to prevent any type of violence that may occur in the school premises, according to Board of Education member Esther Fleming. The governor expressed concern on the public's safety and the need to combat criminal activities with the recent kidnapping attempt on the son of one of the biggest garment manufacturers.

CNMI woos Aloha Airlines

The Commonwealth Ports Authority has asked Aloha Airlines to take advantage of the CNMI's airline incentive program by providing direct service to Saipan from other destinations in Asia. In a letter to James King, Aloha's vice president for planning and development, CPA Executive Director Carlos H. Salas has expressed interest in meeting with him sometime this November to discuss the possibility of starting an air service. Under the incentive program approved by the CPA board, any signatory or new airline serving new markets between Saipan and international destinations shall be given a 50 percent discount on all arrival and departure fees. The incentive will be implemented until Oct. 31, 2000.

Nov. 17, 2000

Initiative seeks to elect AG

A legislative initiative will propose the election of the CNMI Attorney General rather than a governor's appointee in what its sponsor said is intended to prevent problems that have occurred in recent years. Sen. Joaquin G. Adriano, chair of the Senate Committee on Executive Appointments and Governmental Investigations, said the popular vote is the best way in selecting the person to assume the crucial post. "This is in the best interest of the people of the Commonwealth so we are coming up with the legislative initiative for them to decide whether they want to elect their Attorney General or not," he told in an interview yesterday.

CDA to float \$60M bond next month

The Commonwealth Development Authority will finally close next month the deal to float \$60 million in municipal bond, which will be used to match federal funds for Capital Improvement Projects. Executive Director Marylou S. Ada said the fact that investors are still interested to pour in money into the islands as indicated by the scheduled flotation of the municipal bond on Dec. 6, 2000 proves that business confidence in the CNMI continues to be strong. "We are very fortunate that we were able to find investors who continue to believe in the Commonwealth's economic potentials that they decided to buy the municipal bonds," she said in an interview yesterday.

Nov. 17, 2002

Groups tout importance of reading

Saipan residents trooped to the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library parking area Saturday morning to donate books for families at risk. The book drive collected over eight boxes of books. According to Northern Marianas College-Cooperative Research Extension and Education Services officer Reina Camacho, the donated books will be distributed to families at risk and clients of the Ayuda Network, Inc. Camacho said the book drive received overwhelming support from the community. The NMC-CREES, the Ayuda Network, Inc. and the NMC Flame Tree Junior Chamber collected two boxes of children's books, pocketbooks, textbooks, and history books.

EPA promotes recycling

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Pacific Southwest region is applauding the recycling efforts of the Aloha Shares Network in Hawaii and the U.S. Army at Kwajalein Atoll in honor of "America Recycles Day." Millions of people will learn about recycling and will commit to increasing recycling activities and purchasing more products made from recycled materials on the sixth annual America Recycles Day. More than 800 America Recycles Day events are expected to take place across the state. The Aloha Shares Network accepts listings of surplus materials from businesses and residents and matches these donations with the "wish lists" of non-profits, churches, and schools throughout Hawaii. The group received funding from the EPA to develop a Web site to facilitate the expansion of their efforts throughout the state.



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INVITATION TO BID

Proposed Beautification of FILCOMFOUND Pavilion

A mandatory Pre-Bid and site coordination are open to all contractors at CNMI with valid CNMI business permits.

Copies of Plans and specifications may be picked-up at the site on the date of Pre-Bid conference at the site itself @ Filipino Community Pavilion Southwest of Civic Center Basketball court on Friday, November 19, 2010 by 9:00am.

All bids shall be marked on their proposal marked "Filcomfound 1". Date of Bidding shall be by November 23, 2010, 9:00am at the same site at which time and place shall be opened and read aloud to all present contractors.

This project is already permitted by: Department of Public Works (DPW), Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Department of Public Lands and Natural Resources (DLNR).

By: Eddie C. Caranzo
Filcomfound Secretary
Tel. No. (670) 234-8476

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Filcomfound President
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**Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
COMMONWEALTH BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, the Commonwealth Board of Nurse Examiners Board of Directors, is hereby giving notice that the Board will be meeting on Friday, November 19, 2010. The meeting will be held at the Secretary's Conference Room 2, Commonwealth Health Center, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

AGENDA

- I. Preliminary Matters
 1. Roll Call
- II. Call to Order
- III. Adoption of Minutes
 1. August 31, 2010
- IV. Adoption of Agenda
 1. Rules and Regulations Update
 2. Disciplinary documents
 3. NAP Examination
 4. RN application requirements
 5. University of Loyola Update
 6. Renewal System Update
 7. Okinawa International Conference
- V. Miscellaneous
- VI. Adjournment

/s/ Aurelia G. Long, NP
Chairperson



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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC §9912, the Criminal Justice Planning Agency hereby giving notice that the Northern Marianas Council for the Improvement of the Criminal Justice System, also known as the Supervisory Council will hold its: 1) Annual Meeting on **Thursday, November 18, 2010, 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.** at the **Clarett Conference Room, Fiesta Resort, Saipan**, and; 2) Subgrant-Review and Award Meeting on **Friday, November 19, 2010, 8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.** at the **NAPU Conference Room, Pacific Islands Club, Saipan**.

- I. Welcome & Introduction
- II. Call to Order & Roll Call
- III. Review & Adoption of Agenda
- IV. Review & Adoption of Meeting Minutes
Supervisory Council Meeting of June 30, 2010
- V. Action Items
 - a. Election of Vice Chairman
- VI. New Business
 - a. Supervisory Council Bylaws, I. P. Aquinogoc
 - b. Supervisory Council CD and Refresher Course: J. Jerome
 1. OJP & OVW Grants Overview
 2. Roles & Responsibilities;
 3. Subgrantees Processes;
 4. Applicants-Summary & Evaluation Forms
 - c. Planning for 2010 Awards Meeting and Format
- VII. Reports
 - a. Chairman, Ignacio P. Aquinogoc, Supervisory Council
 - b. Executive Director, Jerome Jerome, CJPA
 - c. Committee
- VIII. Old Business
 - a. Conducting Council Business via internet and/or teleconference;
- IX. Executive Session
 - a. Approval of FY 2010 Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Grant Program Awards presented by the Youth Advisory Council (YAC), Mr. Joe Limes, YAC Chairman:
 - o Title II Formula Grant
 - o Title V Prevention Grant
 - o Juvenile Accountability Block Grant
 - o Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws Grant
 - b. Review and Award of FY 2010 Justice Grant Programs:
 - o Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG);
 - o Victims of Crime Act (VOCA);
 - o Services, Training, Officers, Prosecutors (STOP) Violence Against Women Act (VAWA); and
 - o Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP)
- X. Miscellaneous
- XI. Next Meeting
- XII. Adjournment

Should you need more information, please call the CJPA at 664-4550-7.

/s/ Mr. Ignacio P. Aquinogoc
Chairperson
CJPA Supervisory Council

/s/ Mr. Jerome I. Jerome
Executive Director, CJPA

Publication of this notice was paid for with federal funds made possible by the Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant, Office on Victims of Crime and Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice.



WATER TASK FORCE



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP 11-GOV-006

Construction Management/Contract Compliance For Water Task Force Projects

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the CNMI Water Task Force (WTF), are soliciting sealed Proposals from qualified Consultants to provide Construction Management/Contract Compliance Services for various WTF contracts and projects.

The project Scope of Work will be available on or after **October 27, 2010** at the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan.

All questions concerning this proposal shall be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 pm, **November 3, 2010** to Pedro Sasamoto, WTF Program Manager (facsimile) number (670) 664-2279.

This project is funded by a grant from the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA), Department of the Interior.

Award of this project is contingent upon receipt of project approval from OIA. The proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 70-30.3-305. Preference per Public Law 15-95 as further amended by Public Law 15-118 is not available in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funds for this project.

Proposals must be sealed and marked **“Construction Management/Contract Compliance”, RFP 11-GOV-006**. One (1) original and four (4) copies must be submitted. Sealed proposals must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply, at Lower Base, Saipan, no later than **3:00 p.m., November 29, 2010 (CNMI local time)**.

The CNMI reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if to do so will be in the best interest of the CNMI. All proposals shall become the exclusive property of the CNMI government.

/s/ **BENIGNO R. FITIAL**
Governor

/s/ **HERMAN S. SABLAN**
Director of Procurement and Supply



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INVITATION TO BID ITB11-GOV-012

Susupe Multipurpose Center & Division of Youth Services Juvenile Correction Facility Air Conditioning Replacement Project

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, are soliciting sealed bids for the Capital Improvement Program Office, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands:

The project package will be available Wednesday, November 10, 2010 at the Governor's CIP Administrator's Office, Juan A Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill. A \$25.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001. Public Law 15-95 Local Preference Act, as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this Federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference/site visit for this project on November 17, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on November 26, 2010 to Mr. Stanley Good, Project Manager at staniv@pticom.com or Ms. Nerissa Benavente, Project Coordinator, Capital Improvement Office, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 664-2408.

Sealed bids must be marked **“ITB11-GOV-012”**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time, December 9, 2010. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time December 9, 2010, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than December 9, 2010 and must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. December 21, 2010. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time December 22, 2010. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:30 a.m. Saipan local time, on December 9, 2010.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid bond of fifteen percent (15 %) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. This security may be a Certified Check, Cashier's Check or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". Surety companies must hold a certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the CNMI Attorney General.

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 3-301. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price. The surety company providing the Performance and Payment bonds must possess a certificate of authority to conduct business in the CNMI and certification that the value or its unencumbered assets (exclusive or all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the amount or each bond. Performance time for completion of this project is one hundred eighty (180) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be greater of (i) one hundred dollars (\$100.00), or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by one hundred eighty (180) calendar days, the contract time and will be assessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ ELOY S. INOS, Lieutenant Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director
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INVITATION TO BID ITB11-GOV-013

Tinian Health Center Medical Equipment

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, are soliciting sealed bids for the Municipality of Tinian, TinianHealth Center, Medical Equipment, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands:

The project package will be available Tuesday, November 10, 2010 at the Governor's CIP Administrator's Office, Juan A Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill. A \$25.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

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Sealed bids must be marked **“ITB11-GOV-013”**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 1:00 p.m. Saipan local time, December 9, 2010. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 1:00 p.m. Saipan local time December 9, 2010, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than December 9, 2010 and must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. December 21, 2010. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 11:00 a.m. Saipan local time December 22, 2010. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 1:30 p.m. Saipan local time, on December 9, 2010.

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Tinian Health Center Dental Equipment

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Sealed bids must be marked **“ITB11-GOV-015”**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 2:00 p.m. Saipan local time, December 9, 2010. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 2:00 p.m. Saipan local time December 9, 2010, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than December 9, 2010 and must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. December 21, 2010. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

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The fragile family effect

» It's instability, not poverty, that
does the greater damage to childrenBy KAY S. HYMOWITZ
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Poverty is on the rise, according to census data, and now affects 14.3 percent of the population, up from 13.2 percent in 2008. A stumbling economy obviously explains the recent uptick. But those who think that poor urban families' problems have an economic fix would do well to pick up the fall issue of the *Future of Children*, a journal jointly published by the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs and the Brookings Institution (I sit on its advisory board).

The articles in the issue are based on findings from the Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Study, which has followed 5,000 children and their urban, primarily minority parents since the kids were born in the late 1990s. The study constitutes the most extensive, long-term database on the family lives of the urban poor we've ever had, and the dismal picture that it paints of low-income, unmarried couples and their children has nothing to do with the Great Recession.

One of the study's most surprising initial findings was that the large majority—80 percent—of poor, unmarried couples were romantically involved at the time of their child's birth. In fact, 50 percent of the couples were living together. Fathers almost always visited the mothers and children in the hospital and usually provided financial support. Even better, most of these new parents said that there was a 50-50 chance that they would eventually marry each other. They spoke highly of their partners' commitment to their children and of their supportiveness.

But within five years, a tiny 15 percent of the unmarried couples had taken wedding vows, while a whopping 60% had split up. At the five-year mark, only 36 percent of the children lived with their fathers, and half of the other 64 percent hadn't seen their dads in the last month. One-half to two-thirds of the absent fathers provided little or no financial support.

A parental breakup is hard enough on kids, but the prevalence of what experts call "multipartner fertility" is salt in their wounds. By the time the children were 5, 20 percent of their mothers had a child by a different man; 27 percent of the kids were living with their mother's new live-in partner. These relationships tended to reduce father involvement: Dads are less likely to come around when a new man is in the house. In the long run, it's not even clear that the new boyfriends are good for the women involved, because mothers with children by more than one man "reported significantly less available (financial) support than those with children by one man."

Adding to the child-unfriendly atmosphere are the many fathers who go on to have children with other women. The journal reports that men with children in a new relationship spend less time and money on their previous children. One study also found—no surprise—that the quality of "co-parenting" declines when a new girlfriend or boyfriend enters the picture. Breakups turn out to be hard on men too; men living with their children worked longer hours and earned more, while those who moved out were more likely to become unemployed.

And what do we know about the effect of all this on children? The Fragile Families kids growing up with single mothers have more behavior problems than those with two parents; those problems worsen with every "transition"—that is, every new relationship and breakup. There's even evidence that instability affects children's cognitive performance. Worst of all, children growing up with a boyfriend or stepdad in the house are at greater risk of abuse, a fact horribly demonstrated in Brooklyn recently when 2-year-old Aiyden Davis died as a result of beatings by his mother's boyfriend.

See FRAGILE on Next Page



Earmarks on the table

The concept of earmarks—also known as pork barrel appropriations—is up for critical review this week among lame duck members of the U.S. Congress. This and the extension of the Bush tax cuts are amongst the two most contentious issues.

Earmark is an appropriation measure loaded with funds destined for districts throughout the country, thanks to federal taxpayers. But voters across the country are furious that this vehicle has sent the country into a tailspin of debt by as much as \$3 trillion. It depicts Washington's usual spendthrift attitude.

Members of Congress have used pork barrel to pay back donors via the award of capital projects back home. There's nothing illegal about it though it has resulted in wasted federal tax dollars, including money for ridiculous studies and bridges that lead to nowhere.

Tea party-backed Republicans know the message from voters throughout small-town America. Thus, the impending debate could escalate into a resolution or non-resolution between the old and new guards. Banning pork barrel appropriation means that members of Congress would no longer have a free hand inserting funds for favorite projects back home.

It would be interesting how this debate pans out. Too, as you know, non-voting delegates aren't allowed to vote on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives. In committees, there's the tricky imposition of their votes counting when it doesn't count and doesn't count when it counts. We ought to relearn a new fire dance this time around to figure out federal grant funds to aid an impending fiscal disaster here.

The repeal of earmarks would be disadvantageous for the NMI. As it is, it must necessarily hitch a ride on measures sponsored—via pork barrel—by voting members of the lower chamber with greater influence. Our share is usually inserted in stealth fashion. A ban on this mode of appropriation would mean that most of our needs would have to be funneled through the U.S. Department of the Interior's budget request.

The power of the purse rests with Congress, specifically, the U.S. House of Representatives where appropriation measures originate. Congress dictates how much is spent annually as approved by both chambers. It's the means that would be critically reviewed and the first test whether Washington is willing to listen to the voice of governance.

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Frugal Badge of Honor

Families have had to deal with the reality of far less in their paychecks battered heavily by austerity measures. This isn't as bad as the recent decision by the State of Hawaii to furlough thousands of public sector employees.

It was implemented without delay as there's insufficient funds in

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan TribuneDelrosario is a regular contributor to the
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the state coffers to cover salaries. It threw thousands of employees out into the streets.

Here, the setback has forced families to seriously review their weekly expenses. Many have decided to wear the frugal badge of honor to make ends meet. This is especially true for those who are right below the threshold of federally funded entitlement programs.

"We used to give the dogs and pigs leftover food after dinner. We found out we'd be the hungrier dogs if this continues. This isn't the case any longer. We place it in the refrigerator for lunch the next day," said a friend, a recipient of austerity measures.

"We used to look and buy brand items. We've changed that too and even buy shampoo and soap without labels. It's all about stretching the dollar," he related. "No more wasteful spending on famine-like days right here at home."

My thoughtful friend related, "You know, my daughter asked if life had to be this way, to which I can't offer any plausible answers."

And I thought our initial year with the U.S. Department of the Interior (1961) was bad. Then, we still had lots of family land to farm. The lagoon had plenty of reef fish. Today, *ai, hokog mames na lang!* Even the fish refuse to propagate! No more land for gardening other than couch potato culture blossoming all year round as we improve our waistlines.

Working with neighbors

I've been quizzed what was the magic behind the Kilili landslide. Simple: He worked very closely with his neighbors, the voters.

He spared himself the desperation of wooing voters across the BOE office in Susupe, but left the ruling majority in ruins and rubble. His commanding lead triggered the Covenant Party's decline of fortunes. The seeming permanent demise of the ruling majority has begun the long march from Capital Hill to the villages for a re-initiation seminar. This meeting is designed for those who have lost connectivity with the people they represent upstairs.

In a landscape where nothing is permanent except death, it is always best to approach most issues by forging stronger bonds and relationships with others rather than sowing the seed of disharmony. To embrace strife is to step into creative spins that only foster creative self-destruction.

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Great intentions

The only way to take control of your life, raise your standard of living and move beyond merely surviving is to create your own unique product or service that you offer to increasing numbers of people in exchange for the things of value that you desire. This simple formula applies to countries as well as people. A self-sufficient economy has its own products or services of value to export to the world. Similarly, a self-sufficient individual has something of value to exchange in the global marketplace. That thing of value is based on your natural talent, skill, or interest—in other words, your passion!

What makes this moment different from all those that came before?
Good question. One to think about.
I'm honestly not sure

But trust me when I tell you, though
that this my friend is IT!
and if it's not, well that's cool too
'cause trust me, I won't quit

Unfazed by past experience
I'm up for "one more try"
I can't envision giving up
success ever draws nigh!

I came. I tried. I stumbled
but I won't rehash the past
I view each new day's options
as more thrilling than the last!

I always get excited,
'cause the hope is always there

that this next "IT" will be the "IT"
that takes me over there!

So why is THIS time different?
Well, I can't say that I know
But possible or not, friend
great intentions make IT so!

As we prepare to launch a new venture, a business associate mentioned how having the right intention and the appropriate script in one's mind brings players, possibilities, and purpose to the forefront to make things happen. He commented on the joy and excitement I was expressing toward our new venture and how contagious it had been for all involved. He remarked how seamlessly the components fell into place to build and launch our project within about 96 hours of conceptualization.

I thought about that for a moment, and recalled a similar conversation about what distinguishes true and the ultimately successful entrepreneurs from the "also-rans" is that true entrepreneurs always believe that their "pot of gold" is waiting at the end of the next rainbow they see, no matter how many empty pots they've encountered in the past. Similarly, in many areas of life, be it romance (a new love after a dry spell), business (new venture), tourist season (after a dip in new arrivals), I believe the ability to get excited about the future, and what it can and will be (with the right intention) is critical to success...no matter what the present or the past may appear to be.

Each new day, each new hour, each new moment brings with it the opportunity to reset your sail, reframe your goals, recast your vision, forget the past, and move forward with new conviction and determination to succeed.

So today's inspiration is just some pure unadulterated excitement, enthusiasm, joy, and encouragement from me to you to help you get

THE SAIPANPRENEUR PROJECT

Creating economic success for the CNMI

By WALT F.J. GOODRIDGE
Special to the Saipan Tribune



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through whatever you may be facing. Trust me, whatever it may, it too shall pass, and you'll be that much stronger and ready for the next pot of gold that surely will be there as long as you keep moving toward it!

So, set your goals, state your intention, and don't rest until you see it in manifest in your reality! The best is yet to come!

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Note: Where will *your* passion take you? What sort of life would you live if you could? Find out what's possible. Check out my new adventures on jamaicaninchina.com.

Note: Ever wanted to direct your friends and family to a set of websites that revealed the best things about Saipan? Do what I do: send them to www.bestofsaipan.com!

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Until next week, remember, success is a journey, not a destination!

Send article suggestions, entrepreneur nominations and feedback about this article to walt@passionprofit.com.

Dreams are nice but...

Whether or not one believes marijuana is harmful—or less harmful than tobacco or alcohol—is one thing. Asking people to believe that marijuana is the solution to the CNMI's collapsing economy is quite another.

Part 3 of the series of articles appearing under Rep. Stanley T. Torres' name on "why we should" legalize marijuana—and one wonders who actually wrote the series—would have you believe that the answer to all the CNMI's problems would be solved if marijuana possession were made legal.

"The visitors would come from all over the world to enjoy a safe haven. Word will spread like wildfire that at last there is a freedom-loving society that will allow regulated and taxed marijuana use in a controlled and safe environment. The multiplier effect will turn each tourist dollar into 3 or 4 more as it circulates in and out of the CNMI economy," says the article.

"I predict that we might soon see a waiting list form for visitors to be able to arrive here. We currently have the capability to handle about 750,000 visitors per year. The limiting factor is hotel accommodations. I foresee new hotel and resort opportunities on Rota and Tinian as well as increases in the Saipan inventory of hotel rooms. Tourism will be booming again and it won't take years; it will happen quickly. Tinian and Rota will share in the boom this time," it continues.

Setting the record straight

I am writing to offer some facts and to set the record straight in order to restore my honor as the first CNMI student representative on the Board of Education. It is not my intention to disrespect anybody but I feel that I must correct the mistakes made by others that inadvertently disregarded the truth especially when it affects my reputation. Be it resolved.

The original provision of Article XV Section 1 (c) of the CNMI Constitution ratified in 1977 that took effect in 1978 established the composition and terms of each member of the Board of Education. The provision stated that five members shall be elected at large on a non-partisan basis; one from the first senatorial district, one from the second senatorial district and three from the third senatorial district.

In the summer of 1985, the Second Constitutional Convention adopted Amendment 38 which stated, "the governor shall appoint three nonvoting ex-officio members to the Board of Education: one member shall be a high school student attending a public school; one member shall be a representative of nonpublic schools; and one member selected by the teachers within the Public School System." In that same year (1985) Amendment 38 was ratified by voters during the general election.

Three years later in 1988, the provisions of Amendment 38 took effect. CNMI students returned to school from their summer break in August 1988. I was returning for my last year at Rota High School. Three months later in November, I was appointed student representative by the Honorable Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio. Page 25 of the Feb. 3, 1989, issue of *Marianas Variety* published an article

"Some worry about the few tens of millions that might be lost from the dole-outs and begging from the U.S. government. I would suggest that those federal handouts are tiny in comparison to the income that will be generated by using medical and personal use marijuana as the CNMI's new import/export industry. I believe that it would become a multi-billion dollar industry in a relatively short time," Torres writes.

It almost sounds like one of those snake-oil commercials on late-night TV, and the same caution one should apply there applies here, too. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

What does he think will happen to all the graft and corruption that now mar the economy? Does he not think that that, too, will increase? How long before enough investors are found willing and able to jump through the bureaucratic hoops necessary to establishing businesses here? How long before they acquire enough land to make such a project cost-effective? Whose land?

What will happen to CHC, once the federal dollars are withdrawn, until enough marijuana is grown to establish a viable supply, until the airlines start flying here again, until the predicted additional hotel space becomes available? How long will that take? In the meantime, who will provide health care for the people of the CNMI?

about my appointment.

The chairman of the board was Mr. Luis Limes. The vice chairman was Mr. Juan B. Tudela who later became mayor of Saipan. The other elected board members were Anicia Tomokane of Saipan, Ray Cing of Tinian and Jesus Taisague of Rota. Margaret Levy of Mount Carmel School was the teacher appointed to represent the private schools. Elizabeth Rechebei was the Commissioner of Education at the time.

I was a member of the board's standing committees on Personnel/Fiscal and Legislative/Programs. We established the PSS Liaison Office on Rota with the intention to usurp the administrative services functions and the bus services from the school administrators so that they would concentrate on the classroom needs for teachers and students. The Liaison Office was the link between the Rota schools and the PSS central on Saipan in terms of support services.

The facts presented attest that the provisions of Amendment 38 took effect in 1988 and I was appointed to the board in 1988. That means I was the first CNMI student representative. If I was the first CNMI student representative on the board, how could there be anyone else the first from Rota?

As I stated earlier, it is not my intention to offend anybody. I just wanted to set the record straight with historical facts and reclaim the honor that is rightfully affixed to my name.

Barrie Cuthbert Toves
Sinapalo II Village, Rota

Torres claims he does not smoke pot. But one wonders whether whoever wrote the article does. Dreams are nice. But few survive reality and this isn't one of them.

Ruth L. Tighe
Tanapag, Saipan

It makes me wonder

How is it that the CNMI Attorney General Office can write, promulgate and implement regulations for Internet video lottery terminal gambling in a matter of four to six weeks, yet can *not* even write regulations that would allow CUC customers to partake of "net-metering" and hook-up personal alternative energy systems in over *three years*? Seems like "priorities" are misplaced (or nonexistent) or is it that more people in the CNMI actually *want* Internet gambling *more* than they want basic life sustaining infrastructure? Not!

Does *anybody* in the CNMI now profess to know much of anything about VLT that is about to be foisted upon you? I intend to write a short series of educational articles over the next few days regarding this form of Internet gambling. I promise *not* to condone nor disparage the "game." But, will it do for the CNMI what its proponents think (or wish for)? Or is simply another boondoggle to make a few people wealthier?

Dr. Thomas D. Arkle Jr.
San Jose, Tinian

Taxpayers' rights

Pub. 1CM (Rev. 1/2008) is very interesting, particularly, the following sections: "By Mail" states that DOF will send a letter regarding discrepancies on a return (this does not appear to be happening?). "Refunds" provides that interest will be added to refunds not paid within 45 days of the date the return was filed. People need to be aware of their taxpayers' rights.

Charles George
via e-mail

FRAGILE

From Page 10






Eventually, the economy will improve. That's not likely to change much for the children in fragile families.

Kay S. Hymowitz is a contributing editor of *City Journal* and a fellow at the *Manhattan Institute*. This piece is adapted from the 20th anniversary issue of *City Journal*.

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°

Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	▲87 ▼80
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲86 ▼77
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲88 ▼77
Chuuk	Rain	▲84 ▼77
Pohnpei	Rain	▲85 ▼72
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲85 ▼76
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲83 ▼76

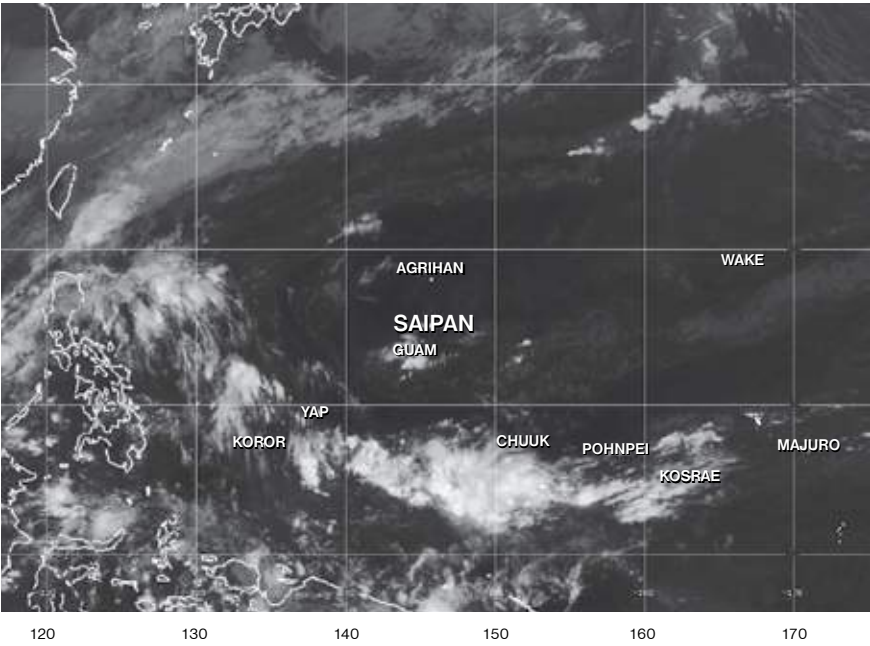
Around The Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲70 ▼57
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲56 ▼33
Hong Kong	Mostly Sunny	▲80 ▼58
Honolulu	Sunny	▲80 ▼71
London	Showers	▲46 ▼43
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲72 ▼52
Manila	Thundershowers	▲86 ▼75
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲65 ▼50
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲84 ▼66
New York	Showers	▲61 ▼42
Osaka	Sunny	▲61 ▼47
Paris	Cloudy	▲45 ▼40
Pusan	Sunny	▲60 ▼45
Rome	Showers	▲65 ▼47
Salem	Showers	▲52 ▼42
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	▲70 ▼52
Seoul	Sunny	▲53 ▼36
Tokyo	Showers	▲60 ▼49
Washington, DC	Windy	▲63 ▼44

Tides

Saipan Harbor				
4:41 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.4 Feet	
10:14 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.8 Feet	
4:23 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet	
11:25 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.3 Feet	

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2010
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A surface trough curves eastward from 9N130E through a weak circulation near 3N140E to 4N154E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found within 130 miles of a line from 7N137E to 5N156E. Yap and Chuuk are north of this area. A trough extends northeastward across Kosrae from 3N161E to 10N166E. Scattered showers are found between Kosrae and Pohnpei within 120 miles of a line from 3N159E to 9N165E. A trough east of Majuro extends eastward from 7N176E to beyond 8N at 180. Scattered showers are developing within 100 miles of the trough. A shear line curves west-southwestward from 20N180 to 14N143E. This passes south of Wake Island and across Guam. Low clouds and isolated showers are found within 100 miles of this boundary.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:20 AM	5:44 PM
Thursday	6:20 AM	5:44 PM
Friday	6:20 AM	5:44 PM
Saturday	6:21 AM	5:44 PM
Sunday	6:21 AM	5:44 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	2:28 PM	2:17 AM
Thursday	3:05 PM	3:04 AM
Friday	3:44 PM	3:53 AM
Saturday	4:27 PM	4:44 AM
Sunday	5:14 PM	5:37 AM

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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM				GUAM-SAIPAN			
C09317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily	C09316	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
C09313	7:55am	8:45am	3, 6	C09596	6:35am	7:25am	3, 6
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	C09596	7:00am	7:50am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7	C09600	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09605	6:20pm	7:10pm	Daily	C09604	5:00pm	5:50pm	Daily
C09599	9:30pm	10:20pm	Daily	C09606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:10am	8:45am	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily
DL285	6:40am	9:15am	Daily	DL286	3:50pm	8:25pm	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily	DL288	8:00pm	12:30am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5	OZ607	9:10pm	2:20am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ604	2:10am	6:00am	1	OZ605	9:00am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ604	2:40am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ603	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
OZ606	3:20pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7	OZ603	8:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6	FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ604/701	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ704/605	12:10am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ604/701	2:40am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN				via ICN
C09317/891	2:45am	9:45am	3, 6 via GUM	DL172/286	7:55am	8:25pm	Daily via NRT
DL285/173	6:40am	10:15pm	Daily via NRT	C0890/9606	10:55am	8:50pm	3, 6 via GUM
C09313/933	7:55am	9:40pm	6 via GUM	OZ702/603	1:10pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
C09313/893	7:55am	11:00pm	3 via GUM-Palau	OZ702/603	1:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C09603/933	3:05pm	9:40pm	1, 2, 4, 7 via GUM	C0892/9596	10:25pm	7:25am+1	3 via GUM-Palau
C09603/893	3:05pm	11:00pm	5 via GUM-Palau	C0892/9596	10:25pm	7:50am+1	5 via GUM-Palau
C09605/933	6:20pm	9:40pm	1, 2, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	PR110/C0596	10:00pm	7:25am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ606/703	3:20pm	11:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7 ICN	C0934/9596	11:10pm	7:25am+1	3 via GUM
C09599/PR111	9:30pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	C0934/9596	11:10pm	7:50am+1	1, 2, 5, 7 via GUM
				C0934/9596	11:59pm	7:25am+1	6 via GUM
				C0934/9596	11:59pm	7:50am+1	4 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG				HONG KONG-SAIPAN			
OZ604/721	2:10am	12:00am	1 via ICN	OZ724/605	12:30am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ604/721	2:40am	12:00am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN				via ICN
C09603/909	3:05pm	10:25pm	1, 5 via GUM	OZ722/603	1:30pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ606/723	3:20pm	10:35pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/603	1:30pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
				C0910/9596	11:15pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM
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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota				FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
FRE 300	17:50	18:20	Daily				
Saipan-Rota				Tinian-Saipan			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
				FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily	FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily



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Correction: Visa waiver visitors can adjust status

One way to find out who reads our column is to make a mistake. We made one yesterday regarding visa waivers, and received an immediate correction from a senior USCIS official. While we don't like to make errors, this is one time we'd rather be wrong, and we appreciate the correction.

Yesterday, we discussed a question from a U.S. citizen who married a Chinese tourist visiting Saipan on a visa waiver. He wanted to know if his wife can now adjust status—that is, apply for a green card from within the CNMI, without having to go back to China. Her entry expires next week.

As part of our answer, we said: *You have a serious problem. An alien who is in the U.S. (including the CNMI) on a tourist visa or visa waiver cannot adjust status in the United States. In other words, even if you were to submit an application for your wife before her visa waiver expired, the application would be rejected because she is a tourist without an adjustable status. She needs to return to China before her visa waiver expires. If she does not she will become an over-stayer. If she overstays for six months, she will not be admitted to the United States, on any visa, for a period of three years. If she overstays for more than one year, she will be barred from the United States for 10 years. So she needs to go back to China before her visa expires.*

Well, not necessarily. We were relying on Immigration & Nationality Act Section 245. Section 245(a) provides that an alien properly admitted or paroled into the U.S. may adjust status, assuming that the alien meets all requirements. Section 245(c)(4), however, says that—subject to certain exceptions—Section 245(a) does not apply to aliens admitted under a visa waiver program.

One of those exceptions is for immediate relatives of U.S. citizens—spouses, parents, and unmarried children under the age of 21. As the USCIS official who contacted us stated:

Aliens admitted under the Visa Waiver Programs are eligible to

adjust status to permanent residence pursuant to the authority in Section 245(c)(4) if they file for adjustment as an immediate relative. Furthermore an alien from China or Russia who is [on] Saipan under the parole authority would be eligible for adjustment as having been paroled and is not subject to the restriction in 245(c)(4).

USCIS actually clarified this issue in its “interim final rule,” also known as the Conforming Rule, which was published in the *Federal Register* on Oct. 27, 2009. The Conforming Rule amends the wording of the then-existing immigration regulations, to conform to the immigration law changes that apply to the CNMI. A USCIS Q&A Fact Sheet is available at <http://tinyurl.com/36dxawx>. One of the specific amendments referenced in the Q&A is that the Conforming Rule is that “those [immediate relatives] who will be admitted under the new Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver Program may apply for adjustment of status to that of a lawful permanent resident.”

Another thing: in our column yesterday we used “visa waiver” as a form of shorthand to describe the Chinese wife’s admission to the CNMI. In fact, as the USCIS official points out, Chinese and Russian citizens are not admitted under the Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver Program, but are admitted under a special form of parole.

We try not to make mistakes, but when we do, we try to correct them as soon as possible. We do stand by the concluding paragraph of our answer to the newlyweds:

However, remember that you and your wife will still need to prove that you entered into the marriage in good faith, for the purpose of building a life together and not for the purpose of gaining an immigration benefit for your wife. Because you have been married very recently, because you only knew each other a short while before you decided to marry, and because you do not have a common language, you will have a harder time convincing USCIS that your marriage is genuine. It can be done, but you may have a serious

Mukden in the cold

One might wonder why I keep using the old name Mukden for the city of Shenyang, Liaoning China, given by the Russians, and we do so to remind ourselves in our continuing trek through China’s landscape and the global mindscape that Dong Bei, northeast China, was not always a functioning part of Zhong Guo, the Middle Kingdom.

The Russo-Japanese war in the late 1800 fought over Manchuria, made a part of China in the 1600 by the Manchus and in the throes of disintegration in the waning days of the “foreign” Qing dynasty that last ruled the whole of imperial China, and the revolutionary air emanating from the likes of Sun Yatsen and the Guangzhou rebels and the Shanghai subversives. Harbin in Heilongjiang had been Russia’s end of the Trans-Siberian rail, and dubbed the Moscow of the East.

Japan’s victory in 1905 in the Battle of Tsushima shocked the West when an Asian upstart, Japan, defeated the formidable battleships of the Russian Imperial Navy, demolishing the mythology of white men’s supremacy, a totally incomprehensible occurrence in the minds of a Eurocentric West, particularly since Commodore Perry only half a century earlier awakened the sleepy and introspective settlements of the Meiji empire.

Mukden featured two significant battles, that between Russia and Japan with the decisive retreat of Russia further north and the ceding of Port Arthur (*Lushun*) near Dalian to Japan, and the Sino-Japanese conflict triggered by the infamous Incident at Mukden that ushered Japan’s militaristic aggression in China, and its equally infamous entry into World War II with the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

The Incident of Mukden of Sept. 18, 1935, is immortalized in a celebrated sculpture in Shenyang City as the “Shame of China,” when Chinese forces rebellious against the nationalist government—then in a de facto civil war—allegedly bombed a Japanese-run railway. Young militant Japanese officers used the incident as an excuse to occupy Man-

churia. The bombing itself was later revealed to have been orchestrated by the officers. Each year, at nine in the evening on Sept. 18, motorists in Shenyang hoot their horns for a minute in memory of the incident. The whole of China recognizes the day as China’s shame.

In a culture that is given to observing the maintenance of “face” as a critical tool in maintaining good relations and positive self-esteem, this is a monumental day of shame that was revived and reinforced by the 1937 Rape of Nanjing, a historic event that is still debated in Chinese and Japanese academic as well as political circles.

In a 2007 film documentary *Nanking* produced by an AOL VP and made available for universal viewing on Chinese TV, snowbound indoors in our one-bedroom flat in Shenyang’s Huanggu district, we watched the program as it aired at the same time that President Hu was in Yokohama while Japan-China relations is strained, and the world was focused China’s economy at the G20 in Seoul and the 16th Asian Games in Guangzhou.

In the winter of 1937, after taking over Manchuria, the Japanese army occupied *Nanjing* (current Pinyin Romanization) and killed over 200,000, raped tens of thousands of resident women, converting some into what would become the war’s “comfort women.” The whole occupation as recorded in the diaries and journals of many of the participants, and interviews with surviving victims, is one of human history’s worst atrocities. In the film, in order to protect Chinese civilians, a small group of European and American expatriates, Western missionaries, professors, and businessmen banded together to save 250,000, risking their own lives.

I am reminded when in 1964, after attending an Asian Youth Assembly at the campus of Siliman University in the Philippines, I brought home to Northern Luzon two conference participants, a Hakka from Singapore and a Nippon from Japan. On both nights of their stay at my house, our roof rained down with a hail of stones

Burden on both sides to find common ground

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The dramatically transformed political landscape created by Tuesday’s election puts a heavy burden on President Barack Obama and the GOP leadership to change their approach to the issues and to each other.

Otherwise, the result will be more partisan gridlock, something that would be bad for the country and for whichever side the voters blame two years from now.

Obama needs to reach out to the GOP as a party, seeking common ground with its leaders as a group, instead of just lobbying individual Republicans to back his programs.

That may mean changing his approach on some issues, seeking compromises on trade, energy and the extension of Bush-era tax cuts and trying to develop common areas for cutting federal spending.

Similarly, Republicans have to drop their insistence that Obama accept their approach on major policies and go beyond generalities about cutting spending to accept substantive compromises on an overall approach to long-term deficit control, including taxes.

After Tuesday’s sweeping GOP victories, Obama and top Republican leaders expressed predictable generalities about working together. But neither showed much sign of moving off pre-election stances.

John Boehner, scheduled to become the next House speaker, said the GOP wants to extend the Bush tax cuts and repeal Obama’s

health care plan. Obama said he didn’t think the American people wanted “to spend the next two years refighting the political battles of the last two” but added he is open to compromises on energy and education.

They will get a chance to show they can work together when Congress returns in 10 days for its lame-duck session. Lawmakers will have to deal with extending the Bush tax cuts, lest they expire at year’s end, and the government’s spending authority, which runs out Dec. 3.

One place for both to show flexibility will be within Obama’s bipartisan debt commission, which faces a Dec. 1 deadline for proposing a long-term deficit control plan that could involve taxes, annual federal spending and entitlements.

That could require Democrats to agree to curb some future Social Security benefits and Republicans to accept some tax increases. And both parties face internal pressures that make compromises difficult.

The Republicans could be caught between independents who gave them a share of the power to govern, in hopes of spurring efforts to seek common ground, and tea party activists who want them to stand firm for conservative principles against compromise.

These contradictory forces could collide when Congress votes early next year on extending the legal ceiling on the national debt.

The GOP’s new responsibility to share governing makes it far harder for its leaders to oppose this as a symbolic protest against federal spending, because one result could be to prevent the gov-

IMMIGRATION FORUM

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Special to the
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uphill battle. You will need to consider all these factors before you decide how to proceed.

Therefore, just because you are eligible to apply for a green card, doesn’t necessarily mean you will get one. You will still need to meet the requirements for a bona fide marriage.

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from protesting neighbors who objected to the Japanese presence in our capital town. My elders still had fresh memories of the passage of the retreating forces under the command of General Yamashita, the Tiger of Malaya, to the mouth of the Cagayan River. They were not very forgiving of anyone of the general’s ethnicity and the atrocities of the general’s command are well documented.

In 2010, it appears that the Chinese people are still equally resentful of Japan across *Bei Hai*, China’s East Sea, and global cartographers’ Sea of Japan. In the Sino *yin-yang* mindset, the preoccupation is correction and balance, not atonement nor forgiveness. The maternal and paternal grandfathers of a dear friend from Shanghai were sent to re-education camps by Mao’s “moralist” because the grandpas previously worked with a Japanese business concern and an American bank, respectively.

We cannot help but notice the current commercialization of flesh in places like Garapan, and the environs of Shanghai and Guangzhou, where the target consumers are Japanese businessmen, that ironically, global trade in this commodity is breaking down ancient prejudices. I like a Carolinian colleague’s response, following the alleged Chamorro’s accommodation of Filipinos into the Marianas society: marry them! In the cold of Mukden, we think such familiar thoughts.

ernment from functioning.

Democrats, meanwhile, could be caught between their desire to maintain Obama’s course in the belief it ultimately will prove correct and the broader electorate’s pressure for changes.

He did say he is open to proposals that would improve his health care plan but made clear he’ll resist GOP efforts to repeal it or block funds to implement it.

One way for Obama to signal he understands voter dissatisfaction would be to revamp a White House staff whose communications and political operatives have ill-served his presidency. None of this will be easy.

Obama indicated he is likely to resist any but the most modest changes to his basic agenda, lest he further upset party liberals who believe he already has compromised too much.

Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell already signaled GOP desire to maintain its negative approach by declaring his main goal is to deny Obama re-election.

For both sides, the stakes are large. The same voters who blamed Obama and the Democrats for the persistence of national economic problems also have shown they won’t hesitate to find a different target next time.

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Join the Great Marianas Smokeout tomorrow



This Thursday, Nov. 18 marks the 35th anniversary of the Great American Smokeout, and the 4th anniversary of the Great Marianas Smokeout—a day when all smokers are encouraged to quit smoking, or make a plan to quit.

For this year's Great Marianas Smokeout, the Department of Public Health's Community Guidance Center is offering free t-shirts to the first 100 individuals who turn in at least half a pack of cigarettes on Nov. 18 at Minatchom Atdao pavilion, starting at 4:30pm. A roadside waving featuring students in support of a tobacco-free CNMI, and health exhibits are also slated in the afternoon.

Quitting smoking is an important step toward a longer, healthier life, and reduced cancer risk. Tobacco use accounts for at least 30 percent of all cancer deaths, and harms nearly every organ in the body. In addition to increasing risk for many forms of cancer, tobacco use increases risk for heart disease, stroke, chronic lung disease, blindness, and numerous other health complications. More than 443,000 people die prematurely from smoking every year in the United States. Tobacco use is considered the most prevent-

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American Cancer Society website: <http://www.cancer.org/Healthy/StayAwayfromTobacco/index>

able cause of death in our society—which means we have the power to do something about it.

Quitting smoking isn't easy, but

the good news is that it can be done. To have the best chances of quitting smoking and staying quit, smokers are encouraged to know what they're up against, what their options are, and where to go for help. Small steps, like calling the Quitline at 323-QUIT (323-7848) for information about tobacco cessation, or finding a support

buddy to quit smoking with, can help smokers quit and stay quit, and reduce their cancer risk.

For a wealth of information about quitting tobacco use, finding support, and helping loved ones quit, visit the American Cancer Society's website at <http://www.cancer.org/Healthy/StayAwayfromTobacco/index>.

This Thursday, commit to quitting tobacco use, and living a healthier, tobacco-free life. Join the Great Marianas Smokeout!

For more information about the Great Marianas Smokeout, or the tobacco cessation program, contact Leiana Ogumoro at the Community Guidance Center at 323-6595. (PR)



DEDICATION DAY

Peter Richard G. Kautz, the son of Rick and Regie Kautz, had his dedication day at the Santa Remedios Church on Nov. 6.

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ISLAND CLEANUP

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PDM Promoters Inc. team up with the Saipan Awaodori Team from the Koblerville Youth Center for a cleanup held on Nov. 13, 2010. The group collected some 460 lbs of trash. PDM Promoters Inc. has a scheduled cleanup every first or second Saturday of the month.

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Happy 2nd birthday to our daughter, Jheyden Miequel R. Ablog! Greetings come from mom and dad.



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Happy birthday Antonia Villagomez Carr! Enjoy, God bless and may you have many more to come! We love you! Greetings come from Randall, Leslie, Mo, Reggie friends and family.

Russian couple celebrates golden anniversary with a splash

A Russian couple recently fled the bitter cold of their country to celebrate their golden anniversary in the sand, sun and surf of Saipan at the Saipan World Resort.

Valentin Kilin and his wife Zinaida, married for 50 years, were joined in this special vacation by members of their family comprising three generations on travel.

Valentin Kilin, along with his daughter, her husband, and his grandson, made the choice to visit the Commonwealth after deliberating on which destination would best fit their annual vacation.

They originally thought of going elsewhere as Zinaida Kilin was not so upbeat about the Commonwealth but soon after they arrived, the climate, the hotel's hospitality and amenities suited her to perfection.

"I was very concerned for my knees, but upon arriving on Saipan and feeling this warm weather, I feel great and younger," said Zinaida Kilin.

Valentin Kilin, who is also celebrating his 73rd birthday, is making waves at the Wave Jungle. Given his age, he is as active as his grandson.



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Valentin Kilin and his wife Zinaida, left, raise a toast with their daughter, son-in-law, and grandson to celebrate 50 years of married bliss.

"Being here and around the many children at the water park brings back my youth. I am enjoying every bit of my vacation, especially knowing I can be active with my grandson on the many

water park attractions here at Saipan World Resort," said Valentin Kilin.

The Saipan World Resort wishes to congratulate the Kilin couple on their 50th wedding anniversary. (SWR)

Babauta extends sympathy for recent St. Croix floods

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Department of the Interior's Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas, Tony Babauta, issued the following statement in the wake of flash floods on St. Croix:

"I would like to express my deepest and sincere condolences to the family and friends of Ms. Rita Stinson of Es-

tate La Grange, swept away by rushing flood waters this past Wednesday. The U.S. Virgin Islands has been hit with numerous storms this season causing devastation throughout its islands. I commend Governor de-Jongh for his leadership and response and most especially the efforts of the

Virgin Islands Police Department, the St. Croix Rescue, and the U.S. Coast Guard for their hard work assisting families during these difficult and trying times. Our thoughts are with the people of the Virgin Islands as we pray for a prompt and safe recovery." (DOI)

Business

Scanners and pat-downs upset airline passengers

WASHINGTON (AP)—Nearly a week before the Thanksgiving travel crush, federal air security officials were struggling to reassure rising numbers of fliers and airline workers outraged by new anti-terrorism screening procedures they consider invasive and harmful.

Across the country, passengers simmered over being forced to choose scans by full-body image detectors or probing pat-downs. Top federal security officials said Monday that the procedures were safe and necessary sacrifices to ward off terror attacks.

"It's all about security," Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano said. "It's all about everybody recognizing their role."

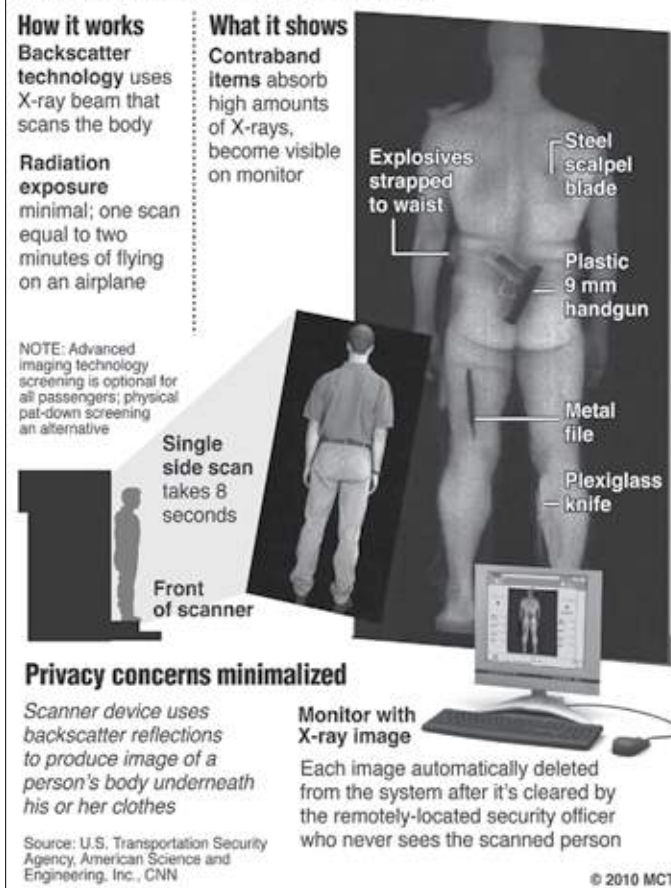
Despite officials' insistence that they had taken care to prepare the American flying public, the flurry of criticism from private citizens to airline pilots' groups suggested that Napolitano and other federal officials had been caught off guard.

At the San Diego airport, a software engineer posted an Internet blog item saying he had been ejected after being threatened with a fine and lawsuit for refusing a groin check after turning down a full-body scan. The passenger, John Tyner, said he told a federal Transportation Security Administration worker, "If you touch my junk, I'm gonna have you arrested."

Tyner's individual protest quickly became a web sensa-

Body scanner controversy

Pilots' unions for two major airlines are urging members to avoid full-body backscatter scanners at airport security checkpoints because it's believed they pose health risks after multiple exposures.



tion, but questions also came from travel business groups, civil liberties activists and pilots, raising concerns both about the procedures themselves and about the possibility of delays caused by passengers reluctant to accept the new procedures.

"Almost to a person, travel managers are concerned that

TSA is going too far and without proper procedures and sufficient oversight," said Kevin Mitchell, chairman of the Business Travel Coalition, an advocacy group representing corporate travel departments. "Travel managers are hearing from their travelers about this virtually on a daily basis."

drive economic growth higher in the current quarter. Consumer spending is closely watched because it accounts for 70 percent of U.S. economic activity.

Rolls-Royce to replace leaking engines on A380s

LONDON (AP)—Rolls-Royce will temporarily replace any oil-leaking engines like the one that caught fire and blew apart on a Qantas superjumbo jet earlier this month, an aviation official said Monday. Because airlines keep some spare engines on hand, the long-term impact to the Airbus A380—the world's largest jetliner—and its buyers may not be dire, aviation analysts said. However, future deliveries of the A380 could be delayed if the scope of the oil-leak problem turns out to be greater than disclosed and a large number of temporary replacement engines are needed, they said. Airbus spokesman Justin Dubon referred questions to Rolls-Royce, which manufactures the Trent 900 en-

gines at issue, and added, "We're helping with the investigation and also to minimize disruption to customers."

Toyota safety in spotlight after fatal Utah crash

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—The deadly crash of a Toyota Camry in western Utah is being blamed on a sticky gas pedal, the same problem that led the world's largest automaker to recall the car for repairs early this year. The 2008 Camry slammed into a rock wall near the Nevada border on Nov. 5, killing the driver and a passenger. The vehicle was the subject of three recalls, most recently for an accelerator that can get stuck in the open position. The crash raised questions about Toyota Motor Corp.'s system for repairing flaws in its vehicles. Safety advocates note that the government has received dozens of customer complaints about problems continuing even after a repair.

Nation

A new day at Capitol: Change coming—right now

By LAURIE KELLMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP)—Old and new Washington collided on Capitol Hill Monday, and new won.

Within moments of flicking on the Senate lights, Sen. Mitch McConnell announced that when it came to pork barrel politics he had changed his mind. The Senate's staunchest fan of so-called earmarks reversed course and supported a ban on those special spending requests, a bow to the tea partiers and others in the populist, antiestablishment wave that gave the GOP control of the House and six more seats in the Senate.

"Old habits aren't easy to break, but sometimes they must be," McConnell said on the Senate floor.

His announcement put an exclamation mark on the return of lawmakers to Capitol Hill Monday for a "lame duck" session before the newcomers take their places officially in January. There's still major business for the current Congress, from tax cuts that will or won't be preserved to possible special Social Security checks to spending bills to keep the government going.

Monday was an extraordinary day that blended Con-

gresses past, present and future as the fading Democratic majority began to yield.

It wasn't going quietly.

For the more than 100 rookies dining and orienting around campus, there was no starker lesson than the spectacle of Rep. Charles Rangel, a once-mighty committee chairman now facing ethics charges—four decades after his arrival was supposed to herald the shake-up of an old, corrupt political order.

"My reputation—50 years of public service!—has to suffer," the New York Democrat cried out before stalking out of his ethics trial.

There were plenty of other lessons, pedestrian as well as profound for the new folks: not only how to be an employer, a first for some of them, and how to avoid Washington's ethical traps, but also where to eat, how to vote, how to get to the subway beneath the Capitol, even which elevators to use.

As for politics—in case any politicians had missed the message of the Nov. 2—triumphant conservative activists, many of them tea partiers, rallied on the Capitol lawn with signs urging Congress to heed their call for smaller government and greater accountability.

"Phase One, Nov. 2010. Complete," read one sign.

"Phase Two. Nov. 2012. We are watching you."

Acutely aware of that, long-time lawmakers began to let change flow through the corridors of power, already heavy with the cold-weather scent of fireplaces ablaze in the Capitol's grand parlors.

President Barack Obama, just back from a 10-day trip to the other side of the globe, said he would be ready to talk policy when the Republicans were finished celebrating. He said of his upcoming meeting with congressional leaders: "I'm sure it will be very relaxing."

"Campaigning is very different from governing. All of us learn that. And they're still flush with victory," he said. "We're going to have a whole bunch of time next year for some serious philosophical debates."

Obama, who earlier had endorsed a crackdown on earmarks, praised McConnell's announcement, but not all Democrats were on the anti-earmarks bandwagon.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid's spokesman, Jim Manley, said, "From delivering \$100 million in military projects for Nevada to funding education and public transportation projects in the state, Sen. Reid makes no apologies for delivering for the people of Nevada."

ACROSS THE NATION

FBI: Man long declared dead arrested in kidnapping

JACKSON, Miss. (AP)—On paper he was deceased, legally declared dead 16 years ago. In reality, Thomas Steven Sanders had lived openly for years without anyone noticing that fact—until his weekend arrest on suspicion of kidnapping a Las Vegas girl who recently turned up dead. Sanders was arrested Sunday at a Gulfport, Miss. truck stop after a massive nationwide manhunt and charged with kidnapping 12-year-old Lexis Roberts, whose body was found last month in Louisiana, the FBI said. The girl's mother, 31-year-old Suellen Roberts is missing and feared dead in a bizarre case that leaves many wondering how a legally dead man can go unnoticed for so long—even after being arrested in several states under his real name. Authorities say the answer is pretty simple, really. There's no national death database in the United States, said James Kelly, sheriff of Catahoula Parish in central Louisiana

where the girl's skeleton was found by hunters in October.

Court docs reveal disabled NC girl was dismembered

HICKORY, N.C. (AP)—A disabled North Carolina girl was dismembered and her remains were put at different sites, according to court papers filed Monday by lawyers representing her stepmother. The court documents ask for a reduction in bail for Elisa Baker, saying she helped investigators by leading them to the remains of 10-year-old Zahra Baker. Elisa Baker has been jailed since last month, accused of trying to throw off investigators by writing a fake ransom note for another child. The court papers were reported by Charlotte-area TV stations and posted on the website of WCNC-TV. Elisa Baker told police on Oct. 24 that Zahra "was deceased, that her body had been dismembered and that it would be recovered at different sites," according to the documents. She was allowed to accompany police the following

two days to sites around Hickory, in western North Carolina, showing them where Zahra's remains were.

Mich. teacher ejects student for anti-gay remarks

DETROIT (AP)—Michigan high school teacher Jay McDowell says he didn't like where the discussion was going after a student told his classmates he didn't "accept gays." So McDowell kicked the boy out of class for a day. In return, the teacher was suspended for a day without pay for violating the student's free speech rights. The incident has sparked intense debate in Howell, about 45 miles northwest of Detroit. It's gained far wider attention since the Livingston County Press & Argus released video of a 14-year-old gay student from another city defending McDowell at a Howell school board meeting. The video has drawn thousands of YouTube views. Howell schools on Monday hosted a community forum to discuss tolerance and diversity issues.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Retail sales rise led by higher auto purchases

WASHINGTON (AP)—A surge in auto purchases helped lift retail sales in October by the largest amount in seven months. But excluding autos, retail sales rose more modestly. October marked the fourth straight increase in retail sales after declines in May and June. Those drops had raised fears about the economic recovery. Still, economists say consumers probably aren't spending enough to lift sales growth above the lackluster pace of the past six months. Consumers are still struggling with scant income gains, high debts and painfully high unemployment, which remains stuck at 9.6 percent even though the recession ended more than a year ago. Paul Dales, U.S. economist at Capital Economics, interpreted October's retail sales as a sign that consumption growth is improving. He cautioned that spending remains too tepid to

Asia

61 dead in India building collapse

NEW DELHI (AP)—Rescue workers wielding sledgehammers and pulling up rubble with their bare hands raced Tuesday to pull survivors from the remains of a four-story apartment building that collapsed into a mountain of concrete in a poor New Delhi neighborhood. At least 61 people were killed and scores of others injured.

The 15-year-old building housing about 200 people—mostly migrant workers and their families—collapsed Monday evening in New Delhi's congested Lalita Park area. Emergency efforts were hampered because vehicles had difficulty navigating the neighborhood's narrow alleyways.

About 30 people were believed still trapped under the rubble, said New Delhi's top elected official, Sheila Dikshit.

The death toll reached 61 as police and rescuers pulled bodies from the site and 78 people were injured, city police official Mohammed Akhlaq said.

An adjacent building, also in danger of collapse, was evacuated, Akhlaq said.

The cause of the collapse was not immediately clear, but one official said the building may



A body is carried away from the scene of a collapsed building in New Delhi, India, Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2010.

have been weakened by water damage following monsoon rains. Police said they had filed charges against Amrit Singh, the owner of the building, and a search was on to locate him.

Local residents who were first to arrive at the accident site used bare hands to dig into the piles of concrete, bricks and mortar, until they were joined by police and firefighters, who used gas cutters to cut through the iron rods jutting from the wreckage. Police brought in sniffer dogs to locate people trapped under the debris.

Local residents were angry

that police and firefighters took so long to reach the site after the building collapsed.

"They took more than 45 minutes to reach the site. And then there was confusion about how they were going to bring in the ambulances," said resident Mohinder Singh.

Residents helped carry the injured to vehicles to transport them to nearby hospitals, as hundreds of people crowded around or peered down from rooftops of nearby buildings.

Dikshit said there would be an inquiry into the cause of the collapse.

Myanmar's Suu Kyi seeks to revive political party

YANGON, Myanmar (AP)—Myanmar democracy icon Aung San Suu Kyi began the nuts and bolts work of reviving her political movement Monday, consulting lawyers about having her now-disbanded party declared legal again.

Suu Kyi was released over the weekend from 7 1/2 years in detention. On Sunday, she told thousands of wildly cheering supporters at the headquarters of her National League for Democracy that she would con-

tinue to fight for human rights and the rule of law in the military-controlled nation.



Suu Kyi

The 65-year-old Nobel Peace laureate must balance the expectations of the country's pro-democracy movement with the realities of freedom that could be withdrawn any time by the regime.

Although her party is officially dissolved, it has continued operating with the same structure. But without official recognition, it is in legal limbo, leaving it—

and her—vulnerable to government crackdowns.

The junta recently staged Myanmar's first elections in 20 years, and in a step that will blunt some of the long-standing international criticism of its conduct, released Suu Kyi a week later. Having made those ostensible moves toward democratization after five decades of military rule, it is unlikely to make more concessions—like restoring the NLD's legal status—without getting something back from Suu Kyi and her party, such as dropping opposition to Western sanctions.

teachers as well as other families.

Suspected US missiles kill 4 militants in Pakistan

MIR ALI, Pakistan (AP)—A suspected U.S. missile strike hit a vehicle carrying militants near the Afghan border early Tuesday, killing at least four of them, two Pakistani intelligence officials said. The attack happened in the Bangi Dar village of North Waziristan, a tribal region that is a base for insurgents responsible for many of the attacks on U.S. and NATO forces just across the border in Afghanistan. The identity of the slain insurgents was not known, and agents were trying to get more details, said the officials. They spoke on condition of anonymity in line with the policy of the agency they work for.

1 dead, 2 hurt in southern Philippine bomb blast

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—A bomb exploded at a passenger bus terminal in the southern Philippines on Monday, killing one person and wounding two others. The explosion at the station in North Cotabato province's Carmen township went off near an outer fence, wounding two people on a bus and one standing nearby, said Chief Supt. Gil Meneses, the regional police chief. The 17-year-old male bystander was critically wounded and later died at a hospital. The suspects, motives and the type of device used were still being determined, Meneses said. Police were looking into the possibility that the 17-year-old could have been the bomber, he said.

World

Cholera backlash fuels Haiti protests

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)—Anti-U.N. riots rocked several Haitian cities and towns on Monday, led by demonstrators who blame a contingent of Nepalese peacekeepers for a deadly outbreak of cholera. Protesters barricaded roads, burned cars and exchanged gunfire with U.N. soldiers, leaving cities impassable into the night.

A demonstrator was shot and killed by a United Nations peacekeeper during an exchange of gunfire in Quartier Morin, near Haiti's second-largest city of Cap-Haitien, the U.N. mission said. The mission said it was investigating the incident but asserted that the soldier was acting in self-defense.

The 12,000-member force also reported that at least six U.N. personnel were wounded in protests at Hinche in the central plateau. Radio Kiskeya reported them to be Nepalese soldiers. Radio Metropole said at least 12 Haitians were injured in Cap-Haitien.

The first reported protests

erupted in Cap-Haitien about 6 a.m. local time and within hours had paralyzed much of the northern port city. An APTN television cameraman trying to reach the area was repelled late Monday by protesters throwing rocks and bottles from a barricade.

As the day went on, other protests broke out in surrounding towns and the central plateau. A police station was reportedly burned in Cap-Haitien and rocks thrown at peacekeeping bases.

A small protest was also reported in the northwestern city of Gonaives, about halfway between Cap-Haitien and Port-au-Prince, but U.N. police said it ended peacefully on Monday afternoon.

The U.N. Stabilization Mission in Haiti, or MINUSTAH, dismissed the protests as politically motivated, linking them to the fast-approaching Nov. 28 presidential election.

"The way events unfolded suggests that these incidents were politically motivated,

aimed at creating a climate of insecurity on the eve of elections. MINUSTAH calls the people to remain vigilant and not be manipulated by enemies of stability and democracy in the country," the mission said in a statement.

The cholera backlash plays upon some Haitians' long-standing resentment of the 12,000-member military mission, which has been the dominant security force in Haiti since 2004. It is rooted both in fear of a disease previously unknown to Haiti and internationally shared suspicion that the U.N. base could have been a source of the infection that has now left nearly 1,000 dead.

Cholera had never before been documented in Haiti before it broke out about three weeks ago. Suspicions quickly surround a Nepalese base located on the Artibonite River system, where the outbreak started. The soldiers arrived there in October following outbreaks in their home country and about a week before Haiti's epidemic was discovered.

UK government to measure well-being

LONDON (AP)—Feeling fine? Frustrated? Fantastic? The British government really wants to know.

British officials said Monday they will start measuring national happiness in addition to gauging more traditional data like income levels and fear of violent crime.

The new plan makes good on a campaign pledge by Prime Minister David Cameron, who promised during the general election earlier this year to measure subjective levels of well-being when the government is collecting citizen data.

Detailed plans have not been

announced, but the new questions are expected to be formulated by National Statistician Jil Matheson late this month for inclusion in a survey next spring. She said Monday the policy change is welcome.

"There is growing international recognition that to measure national well-being and progress there is a need to develop a more comprehensive view, rather than focusing solely on gross domestic product," she said.

The decision to look beyond simple pounds and pence measures is part of a "science of hap-

piness" movement that has taken root in several other countries, including France and Canada, as officials and academics study the failure of rising living standards in recent decades to be accompanied by a similar rise in personal contentment.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy has reached a similar conclusion, two years ago asking two Nobel prizewinning economists to devise ways to measure quality of life factors in addition to simply economic factors when France it studying its policy options.

WORLD BRIEFS

Mexican hotel blast probe focuses on swamp gases

PLAYA DEL CARMEN, Mexico (AP)—Mexico prepared to turn the bodies of five Canadian tourists over to their relatives Monday as six people recovered from wounds suffered in a mysterious blast at a Caribbean coast hotel, where inspectors from the army, navy and civil defense agencies combed through the rubble looking for clues in the accident that also killed two Mexican hotel employees. Experts and officials differed over whether the sprawling luxury hotel complex was in fact a palm-fringed Caribbean coastal time bomb, accumulating swamp gas since it was built four years ago over a mangrove thicket. Quintana Roo state attorney general Francisco Alor said Monday investigators believe the explosion at the 676-room Grand Riviera Princess resort in Playa del Car-

men, south of Cancun, was produced by gases from rotting vegetable matter or waste trapped beneath the ground floor of the building where the blast occurred.

Iran woman with stoning sentence shown on state TV

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—Iranian state television has broadcast a purported statement by an Iranian woman sentenced to death by stoning for adultery in which she calls herself a "sinner." The stoning sentence against the 43-year-old Sakineh Mohammadi Ashtiani has been put on hold and is now being reviewed by Iran's supreme court, but she still faces a possible death sentence by other means. The outcry over the case is one of the latest thorns in Iran's relationship with the international community, as the U.S., EU and international human rights groups have urged Tehran to

stay the execution.

Officials: Alpha Conde wins Guinea election

CONAKRY, Guinea (AP)—Security forces took positions throughout the capital late Monday as the head of Guinea's electoral commission declared politician Alpha Conde the winner of a tight presidential election. Earlier in the day, supporters of his opponent had rioted, claiming their victory had been stolen. Volleys of gunfire rang out just after the results were announced in some of the same neighborhoods where rioting had occurred. Conde, a 72-year-old Sorbonne university professor who has spent most of his adult life in France, won with 1.4 million votes, or 52.5 percent. His rival Cellou Dalein Diallo got 1.3 million of the nearly 2.9 million ballots cast, around 47.5 percent, according to National Independent Electoral Commission President Siaka Sangare.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Reports: Welders start deadly China high-rise fire

SHANGHAI (AP)—Police detained unlicensed welders Tuesday for accidentally starting a fire that engulfed a high-rise apartment building under renovation in China's business capital, leaving 53 people dead and scores more in hospitals. A preliminary investigation showed that the four unlicensed welders improperly operated their welding equipment, setting off Monday's fire in Shanghai, state television and media websites reported. Witnesses and building residents quoted earlier by state media said the fire began when building materials caught alight. The fire then spread quickly to scaffolding covering the 29-story building, which houses a number of retired

Focus

Freshmen arrive in Congress with many questions

The US Capitol is bathed in the setting sun and seen in the reflecting pool on Capitol Hill in Washington, Friday, Nov. 12, 2010. Congress returned this week for a post-election lame duck session.

By **LAURIE KELLMAN and JULIE HIRSCHFELD DAVIS**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP)—Where to live? Whom to hire? What's a voting card—and where are the bathrooms? More than 100 members of Congress arrived in Washington this week for the first time since winning election, trading the loftiness of campaign speeches for mundane lessons in how to do their new jobs.

It's freshman orientation on Capitol Hill, and the larger-than-usual class of 2010 is getting a crash course on how to navigate the next two years.

Talk of changing the nation's direction? That's on the back burner for now. The newly elected House members—85 Republicans, a meager nine Democrats—need actual directions around their new workplace. The Senate is having its own orientation at the same time.

Instead of American exceptionalism, his election night theme, Rep.-elect Tim Scott, R-S.C., is focused on Washington's exceptional rental prices.

"Nothing here is affordable, is what I've learned," says Scott, who might share an apartment with classmates.

Rep. Adam Kinzinger, R-Ill., told supporters in his victory speech that he would "stand strong in the epic battle that we have in front of us to take back our country." But come Monday, Kinzinger will be looking for a one-bedroom apartment, setting up an interview with a prospective chief of staff and figuring out whether he wants to deal with a commute or live within walking distance of the Capitol.

Even before the freshmen learn law-making, they'll be figuring out how to live with a new set of rules, customs and rituals. Here to help: an array of congressional committees and veterans, and a constellation of foundations and lobbyists.

The second-ranking Republican, Rep. Eric Cantor of Virginia, had a 144-page book in the mail to new members within hours of Election Day. "Hit The Ground Running" explains the nuts and bolts of setting up a congressional office, hiring staff, managing the office budget and being an employer. It also offers some general rules of the road.

House's day-to-day operations, is putting the group up at the L'Enfant Plaza Hotel and shuttling the members to and from the Capitol.

Food? Virtually everywhere the incoming lawmakers go during their Sunday-to-Friday stay. Receptions, working lunches and welcome dinners dot the schedule. In between, members-to-be attend seminars on everything from setting up an office to hiring, and how the electronic voting system works on the House floor.

A schedule obtained by The Associated Press shows a wow-worthy social schedule. The freshmen will hear from

days later, a seminar, "Navigating the First 90 Days."

"Everyone has told me expect more information than you can possibly digest, but just take good notes," said Rep.-elect Cedric Richmond of Louisiana, one of the few Democrats who will be attending.

A rare Democratic face in a sea of Republicans, Richmond said he's excited to meet and interview some of the most respected and experienced Capitol Hill staffers in the party—newly jobless after their bosses lost their re-election battles.

It's all a little overwhelming to some.

What I'll probably do is sleep in my office for a little while until I can find a like-minded freshman to room with.

"Do: Get answers for any ethical questions you may have if you are in doubt," according to the manual, an updated version of one originally sent out by former House Republican leader Dick Armey, R-Texas.

"Don't: Completely disappear from the public" between Election Day and the new Congress. "Even though you won't take office until January, many of your constituents will view you as their member of Congress."

Lodgings? Taken care of—at least for this week. The House Administration Committee, charged with the

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., on Sunday and dine with the man in line to replace her, Ohio Republican John Boehner.

Pelosi hosts an open house Monday in what, for now, is her Capitol suite. Dinner follows next door in magnificent Statuary Hall, according to the schedule. There also are special events for their aides and spouses.

The Congressional Management Foundation, a nonprofit group funded by dozens of corporations and industry groups with business before Congress, is hosting a reception Monday and, two

"What I'll probably do is sleep in my office for a little while until I can find a like-minded freshman to room with," said Rep.-elect Bobby Schilling, R-Ill., a pizza shop owner who has no intention of moving his wife and 10 children to Washington.

Rep.-elect Nan Hayworth, R-N.Y., is way ahead of many of her colleagues. She's landed an experienced chief of staff who found her an apartment two blocks from the Capitol. But she has to get office space—there's a room draw Friday—and figure out how to work effectively in Congress' often slow and

tedious culture.

"I'm a surgeon," said the ophthalmologist-turned congresswoman. "We're used to acting on the evidence expeditiously."

For some, the education in the quirks, perks and pressures of Congress has begun.

Florida tea party candidate Allen West, for example, is looking for a replacement for his chief of staff. The Republican's chosen candidate, conservative radio host Joanne Kaufman, first accepted, then rejected the job Thursday after reports surfaced of Kaufman's incendiary on-air comments, which included calling Pelosi "garbage."

Also Thursday, all 300 Broward County schools were locked down for a few hours after Kaufman's station, WFTL, received what police said was a threatening e-mail from a man who said he felt a connection to the talk show host.

West issued a statement saying he deeply regretted Kaufman's decision to turn down the job.

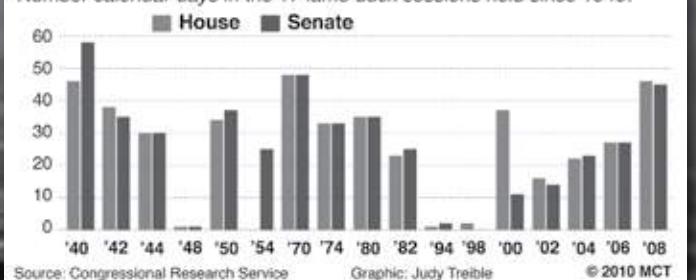
The fishbowl-like nature of their new post—they're apt to be trailed and peppered with questions by packs of reporters and news photographers—may not have sunk in for some freshmen.

Rep.-elect Sean Duffy, R-Wis., a reality show star in 1997, now wants to shun the national media in favor of local news outlets until he takes his oath of office in January.

"Just about every media outlet has called wanting to talk to him, so it's about the fairest way to handle it," his spokeswoman, Wendy Reimann, said in an e-mail.

Length of lame duck sessions

Lame duck sessions of Congress are held between Election Day in November and early January to take care of unfinished business. Number calendar days in the 17 lame duck sessions held since 1940:



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AP

Campus Life

A hundred years at a one-room school

By TIM WOODWARD
MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

OLA, Idaho—The satellite dish is the second most prominent feature on the corrugated metal roof of the Ola School.

The most prominent is the bell tower.

The juxtaposition of old and new is one of the most prominent features of the school itself—which just celebrated its 100th anniversary.

In some ways, Ola's K-6 school looks like something straight out of a Willa Cather

novel—a little white school-house on a hill overlooking green pastures. Seventeen students, kindergarten through sixth grade, attend class in the same room. Vegetables grow outside the back door; a hive of honeybees doubles as a learning tool for science class. Sparky, the librarian's dog, plays with the kids at recess.

In other, important ways, the school is pure 21st century. Solar panels provide some of its power and send digital readouts to computers in the classroom. The school is co-piloting a bio-

diversity program with a sister school in New Zealand, and its students are studying, among other things, robotics.

"We might be rural, but we're top of the line with technology," teacher Amy McBryde said. "We spend more time on our computers than they do down below." "Down below" would be the Boise area. Pastoral Ola is a world apart from the state's population corridor—a blend of contemporary times and old-school tradition. Cyberspace meets "Little House on the Prairie." The school observed

Earth Day by installing a drip-irrigation system. It also has an annual May Day celebration—with a maypole.

Mary Lee Beal knows more than anyone about the school's century of changes. She was a student there from 1941 to 1949. She taught there from 1971 until her retirement in 1998. Now she works part-time as the librarian. McBryde, who has taught there since 2004, is her daughter.

"We got our first computer in 1981," Beal said. "We got indoor plumbing in the early '50s." That's not a joke. When

Beal was a student there, the school had outhouses. Her ride to school was a horse.

She helped her students build a solar-powered chicken coop and taught them about spreadsheets, databases and word processing. Some of them went on to Harvard and Yale.

McBryde followed her mother's career path after working as a sign-language interpreter and Braille teacher. Like her mother, she says one of the best things about teaching in a one-room school like Ola's is its sense of community: "It's like a family. The little kids learn from the older ones and vice versa. We seldom have discipline problems because the kids are good at helping discipline each other. If there are kids with behavioral or academic problems, we don't send them to resource room. We

learn to tolerate differences and work together.

"When the older students who have graduated to other schools get off of the school bus, they come up here to spend time. And we're very involved with the Ola community. The kids see their parents and grandparents helping here and learn how a community is built and how it works."

Volunteers help with subjects from physical education to reading. When the school ran short of money for supplies last year, Ola residents emptied their drawers and brought in enough pencils, markers and crayons to get the students through the year.

Aide Judie McCaulou likes "the closeness. You really get to know the students. You see them when they start kindergarten, and you see the finished product."

IN CELEBRATION OF HER NEW LIFE

In Loving memory of

Lourdes Palacios Dela Cruz

February 11, 1935 – November 10, 2010

Was called to join her Creator at the age of 75, at Mesa, Arizona.

Her memories will forever live in the hearts of her:

Children

RITA / ANTONIO CABRERA (Roselynn / Walter, Naomi, Chanele, TJ & Danielle, Christopher)
JOVITA / PETER TORRES (Shawn/Jasmine, Jadeen / Mauricio, Peter Jr., Raena)
PRISCILLA / DONALD CABRERA (Chad, Lionel, Amber, Cory)
BERTHA / JOSE MANAHANE (Jennifer / Joray, Charnelsa, Trent, Tremayne, Patricia, Colton, Bianca, Jose)
BEN / ELLIE DELA CRUZ (BJ Peter, Dane Andrew)
JOE DELA CRUZ (Shianti, Shawnee)
LIZ / FRANCISCO IGLECIAS (Franklin, Kalani, George, Byron, Matilde, Vince, Travis)
PATRICIA / DON CAUDELL JR. (Donnie / Carolyn, Melodie / Leroy, Lindsey / Scott, Kaela / Jeffrey)
RAYMOND / MERCED DELA CRUZ (Doming, Brittney Joy / Tom, Raymond Kenji, Rayanne, Levonne / Ben)

Brother, Sisters and In-Laws:

Eugenio Palacios
Frances and Fred Hill
Delgadina and David Racer
Tomas and Carmen Dela Cruz

She will also be missed by numerous great grandchildren, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

In her new life, she now joins her:

Husband: †Domingo Castro Dela Cruz
Parents: †Vicente San Miguel Palacios
†Rita Cabrera Pangelinan Palacios
Parents In Law: †Jose Cruz Dela Cruz
†Rita Villagomez Castro Dela Cruz

Brothers, Sisters and In-Laws:

†Serafin Palacios
†Isaac Palacios
†Herman Palacios / †Lydia B. Palacios
†Edward Ryan
†Jesus C. Dela Cruz
†Rosita C. Dela Cruz
†Victorina C. Dela Cruz
†Jose C. Dela Cruz

Daily Mass of Intentions is being celebrated at San Antonio Church at 6:00pm followed by the Holy Rosary.

Her remains will be arriving on Friday, November 19, 2010 at 12:30am. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, November 20, 2010. Her remains will be taken from Borja Funeral Memorial Chapel at 7:30am to San Antonio Church. Responso service will be at 8:00am followed by the Holy Rosary at 8:30am. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00am. Interment service will follow at Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

Please Join us in Prayers

The Children & Family

Report finds that more Chinese students are studying in the US

By KATHY MATHESON
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PHILADELPHIA (AP)—American students are increasingly studying abroad in nontraditional destinations like Chile and Peru, while U.S. universities are hosting a growing number of students from China, according to a report released Monday.

Nearly 128,000 Chinese students studied in America in 2009-10, a 30-percent increase over the previous academic year, the annual study by the Institute of International Education found.

Chinese citizens comprise about 19 percent of the international students in the U.S., the highest percentage of any country. India and South Korea are next, accounting for 15 percent and 10 percent, respectively.

"A global education prepares them to become leaders in their own countries and societies," Ann Stock, assistant U.S. Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs, said in a statement.

Meanwhile, more than 260,000 U.S. students studied abroad in 2008-09, a slight dip over the previous year and likely due to the recession, said Peggy Blumenthal, the institute's executive vice president. Researchers expect the number to rise again next year, she said.

While most Americans study in Britain, Italy and Spain, those nations have declined in popularity since 2007-08. Countries with the biggest increases include Peru, South Korea and Chile, followed by Argentina and South Africa.

The growing interest in

nontraditional destinations is partly because students with a wider variety of majors are deciding to travel, Blumenthal said.

Public health majors can go to South Africa to learn about the AIDS crisis, while business majors could travel to China and environmental majors might study in South America, Blumenthal said. Some of those countries are appealing because of their lower cost of living, she noted.

Also, the fact that English is more widely spoken makes it easier for Americans to study in more places, said Allan E. Goodman, the institute's president and CEO.

"Ten or 15 years ago, you couldn't go to France or Germany unless you were fluent," Goodman said. "English has opened the world up."

The U.S. hosts more international students than any other country—691,000 last year, up 26 percent in the past decade—which experts say shows the appeal of the higher education model here.

Most foreign students study business and management, followed by engineering, physical and life sciences, and math and computer science.

Overall, they contribute nearly \$20 billion to the U.S. economy through tuition, room and board, and other expenses, according to the U.S. Department of Commerce.

The top U.S. institutions hosting international students—with more than 7,000 each in the 2009-10 academic year—were the University of Southern California, University of Illinois and New York University.

Life & Style

10 steps to avoid Tom Turkey's revenge

By WENDY DONAHUE
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Holidays are the heyday for cooking cameos and loads of leftovers, both of which crack open the oven and refrigerator doors to food-borne illnesses.

"You may have a lot of people going into the kitchen who have never cooked a meal for a lot of people or only do it once a year," said Shelley Feist, executive director of the Partnership for Food Safety Education, a nonprofit consumer safety organization. "You may have a lot of people handling food."

A study released last year as part of an initiative of the Pew Charitable Trusts estimates the total economic impact of food-borne illness across the nation to be \$152 billion annually. (See makeourfoodsafes.org.)

Bacteria can rear up anywhere along the path to the plate. "The amount of bacteria in a food is dependent on time, temperature, moisture and how it has been handled," Feist said. "Manufacturers and food companies work to get safe food to the store, but it is a whole chain of prevention, and the consumer is at the end of that."

Check out holidayfoodsafety.org, foodsafety.org and fight-bac.org for more information on how long to plan for thawing and cooking, as well as recommended internal temperatures for various foods.

Here are 10 ways to reduce the risk of Tom Turkey's revenge:

1 Shopping: Separate raw meat, poultry, seafood and eggs from other foods in your grocery cart, bags and refrigerator.

2 Thawing: Thaw the turkey in the fridge or in cold water, "but the cold water method requires you to be present to check it," Feist said. "Thawing in the fridge can take anywhere from one to five days depending on how big the turkey is." A larger turkey — 20 to 24 pounds — probably won't fit in the fridge. So if you're getting a large one, consider buying a fresh one, Feist suggested.

3 Use a meat thermometer: Novices often underestimate thawing time for their turkey and wind up cooking it when it's still frozen in the middle. They also often rely on the weight of the turkey to determine cooking time. That combination can result in an undercooked interior. "The critical thing is to use a food thermometer," Feist said. "The turkey needs to be cooked to 165 degrees; that's the temperature at which bacteria would be killed." Check the temperature in the innermost part of the thigh and wing and the thickest part of the breast.

4 Unstuff it: "For optimum safety, the stuffing should be cooked separately, outside the turkey cavity," Feist said. "But for those who want to stuff their turkey, be aware that a stuffed turkey will take longer to reach 165, because you want the stuffing to reach 165 also."

5 Cleaning cutting boards and towels: Reserve one cutting board for raw meats and poultry, another for vegetables and fruit. Scientific evidence conflicts on whether wood or plastic cutting boards are safer. But clean boards thoroughly after each use and replace them when they become scarred, because bacteria can hide in the grooves. Sponges and kitchen towels can be cross-contaminated easily. "When a crowd is over and food preparation gets hectic, it can be more sanitary to use paper towels," Feist said. As for cleaning cutting boards and counters, "wash between every use with soap and warm water; it's going to reduce bacteria," Feist said. "If you've just handled three raw chickens and all kinds of stuff, you might want to sanitize with a very diluted bleach solution. People don't realize it doesn't take much bleach: 1 tablespoon to 1 gallon of water."

6 Washing produce: Feist says simple running tap water, with a vegetable brush for thicker-skinned fruits and vegetables, is sufficient. Blot dry. "People should not try to wash vegetables in standing water or use products that aren't intended to be consumed, like soap and bleach," Feist said.

7 To wash or not to wash poultry: "Washing raw poultry might seem like a good idea, but it is not a safety step," Feist said. "Don't wash raw poultry, we say, because you might actually create risk by spreading more bacteria around your kitchen. The 'kill' step for meat and poultry is cooking."

8 Storing and freezing leftovers: In general, perishable food shouldn't be out for more than two hours. As soon as dinner's over, put leftovers in the fridge or freezer to inhibit bacteria growth, even though many of us have been trained not to put hot food in the fridge. "It's fine to do so," Feist said. "The risk of leaving food out too long is greater than that of your fridge working a little harder to cool it." Use or freeze leftovers within four days. "There's a myth out there that if leftovers smell OK, they're OK to eat," Feist said. You can't smell, see or taste the bacteria that cause illness.

9 Have an appliance thermometer: Listeria can grow at cool but not cold temperatures, Feist said. So make sure the fridge is cold enough — at

40 degrees or below. "Everyone has this dial that says 1 through 8 and that tells you nothing about the actual temperature." If your fridge doesn't have a built-in thermometer, buy an inexpensive appliance thermometer.

10 Reheating leftovers: If you're thawing leftovers, put them in the refrigerator, in cold water or in the microwave; never at room temperature. Food thawed in cold water or in the microwave should be cooked immediately. Whether they're taken from the fridge or freezer, bring sauces, soups and gravies to a boil when reheating. Heat other leftovers thoroughly (to 165 degrees for turkey).

With the holiday seasons approaching some people will be preparing meals for large numbers of guests for the first time and it is a good time to monitor food handling safety, such as keeping raw meat away from vegetables and other ingredients during prep.
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IN CELEBRATION OF HIS NEW LIFE

†Jesus Manuel Ngirchechol Castro

Better known as "Jes/Chu"

In his new life he now joins his

Grand Parents: †Manuel Terlaje Castro
†Elsie Ngelkes Ngirchechol

His memories will forever live in the hearts of his:

Wife: Valerie G. Villagomez
Children: Vijae Scott Villagomez Castro
Reared Daughters: Victoria Marie V. Duenas,
Kiarah Kiersten V. Duenas,
Lakisha Loren V. Duenas

Grandmother: Natividad DLG Tudela Castro

Parents: Augustin Tudela Castro &
Nathania Ngirchechol Castro

Brothers & Sisters: Augustin Jr. N. Castro, Elsa Lynn N. Castro/Paul Pangelinan, Jean N. Castro, Dorina N. Castro/Brian Camacho, Brankief N. Castro, Byron Scott N. Castro

Grandparents In-Laws: Jose B./Victoria S. Villagomez

Father In-Law/Spouse: Jose Jr. S./Karmen O. Villagomez

Mother In-Law/Spouse: Jeanette G./Michael Saures

Brothers & Sisters In-Laws: Jose Villagomez II, Joven G. Villagomez, Shanise G. Villagomez, Travis G. Villagomez, Tinesha G. Villagomez, Eugene O. Villagomez, Sherise G. Saures, Nicole G. Saures

He is additionally survived by numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Daily Mass of Intention is celebrated every 6:00 p.m. at St. Jude Church in Koblerville followed by the Holy Rosary at 6:30 p.m.

Viewing and last respects will be announced at a later date.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase, Kom Kmal Mesulang and Thank You

Ginen I Familia



What happened to Harrison Ford?

By STEVEN ZEITCHIK
LOS ANGELES TIMES

He traversed distant galaxies with Chewbacca, shot sword-wielding assassins with Marion Ravenwood and outfoxed federal marshal Samuel Gerard all by himself.

But these days all those things may as well have happened to a different actor than Harrison Ford, who in the last decade has robbed banks, sought rare cures, captained Russian subs and investigated murders of hip-hop stars, all in the land of obscurity. ("Firewall," "Extraordinary Measures," "K-11: The Widowmaker" and "Hollywood Homicide," if you were trying to guess what movies those were.)

Last week's release of "Morning Glory" painfully underscored Ford's marginality. The actor plays a grizzled, serious journalist who's forced, through the unique power of Hollywood



AP
The morning national news program, "Daybreak," has a new producer, Becky Fuller (Rachel McAdams, left) who must contend with the show's gruff host Mike Pomeroy (Harrison Ford) in Paramount Pictures' comedy "Morning Glory."

cause-and-effect, to take a job as a bantering morning host. The comedy-drama about the state of the news business was marketed heavily using Ford's name and visage, and the actor gamely went on the likes of "The Late Show With David

Letterman" and "Jimmy Kimmel Live" to promote it.

For all the critical jibes, Ford is actually not bad in the role, stalking around with a dour face while doling out digs to his co-anchor like, "Do they have rehab programs for bitter beauty

queens with self-esteem issues?" But few, apparently, wanted to see him do that. The movie failed to reach even \$10 million in domestic box office over the weekend. If you show some chops but no one is there to see it, did you really show them?

What's most disappointing about "Morning Glory" is that, after 15 years without a comedy, Ford's turn in something more spry was supposed to mark a new chapter by getting him back to his crowd-pleasing ways. But the movie's disappointing performance adds one more nail in a coffin that's been enveloping Ford's career, "Buried"-style, for years. The actor has been striking out repeatedly as the heroic action figure and didn't fare better when he went somber as a medical miracle worker in "Extraordinary Measures" earlier this year. Now it turns out we don't want to see him in a comedy either, not even when

he's playfully riffing on his own taciturn persona.

In his heyday, Ford was much more than an action hero, of course; he was winning over audiences with dramas such as "Regarding Henry" and even gaining decent notices in romantic comedies like the "Sabrina" remake—exactly the kinds of roles he should be excelling at as he nears 70 and can't leap into waterfalls anymore.

What happened? Did we outgrow Ford? Or was his range never as great as we thought it was?

Some would say that this is all a function of bad choices and that, to salvage his career, the actor should go back to action roles, maybe self-deprecating ones. (The Jack Ryan reboot is a natural candidate). The one time he did that in the last few years, after all, was with "Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull," and the fans turned out. But with the bad taste that movie left in

some mouths, it's hardly clear that would work either.

In a sense, Ford has had the opposite career of his "Star Wars" costar Mark Hamill. Unlike Ford and his prolific output, Hamill hasn't been in a major motion picture in more than two decades. That's not exactly Hamill's own choice, but it's had an oddly positive effect on his reputation. While Ford's series of poorly received movies has practically relegated the actor to self-parody, Hamill has remained in a good pop-culture place, his image unravaged by time or bad roles.

Ford next stars in the science-fiction-western hybrid "Cowboys & Aliens," a movie that stays close to his trademark action heroism but branches out in enough new directions that we might be willing to embrace him again. He should hope we do—he's running out of genres to come back with.

Actor Snipes asks for new trial in Fla. tax case

OCALA, Fla. (AP)—Federal prosecutors on Monday asked that Wesley Snipes' bond be revoked if a judge refuses to grant the "Blade" actor a new trial on tax-related charges. Snipes' defense attorney asked for the new trial during a two-hour hearing in federal court. Daniel Meachum

argued that two jurors had sent him e-mails recently claiming three other jurors had determined Snipes' guilt before the 2008 trial began.

Snipes faces three years in prison for his conviction on three tax-related counts. He was acquitted of a handful of

other counts.

Snipes, star of the 1992 film "White Men Can't Jump," has been free on bond while appealing the conviction. He didn't attend Monday's hearing.

Meachum said he wanted the jurors to be interviewed about whether they had perjured

themselves by stating during jury selection that they didn't have preconceived opinions about the case.

U.S. District Judge William Terrell Hodges didn't say when he would rule. But the judge questioned whether interviewing jurors two years after the trial would violate the "black box" of privacy in which jury deliberations occur. The judge also asked whether a new trial should also include the counts on which Snipes was acquitted, given that the same jurors whom the actor claims were tainted also cleared Snipes of some charges.

"What if the other jurors deny the accusations by the two jurors? It's two against three,"



Snipes

Hodges said. "The probability is, there isn't going to be unanimity among jurors."

Meachum also argued a new trial should be granted because an important witness during the

trial, Kenneth Starr, has since pleaded guilty to fraud charges. Starr, a financial adviser to celebrities, admitted to cheating wealthy and elderly clients out of tens of millions of dollars during a plea hearing last September in New York.

Meachum asked the judge to hold an evidentiary hearing in order to find out if Internal Revenue Service agents working on the Snipes case also knew that Starr was under investigation.

Federal prosecutor Patricia Duffy Barksdale said investigators didn't know about Starr's criminal conduct at the time of Snipes' trial and that the actor's attorneys couldn't show that Starr had given any false testimony.

The prosecutor said questioning jurors two years after a trial would create a chilling effect.

In Loving Memory of

Henoleen Santos Camacho

Lovingly known as "Lynn" and "Eno"

The family of Henoleen, would like to inform all friends, co-workers, and extended family that Lynn passed away on November 13, 2010.

Nightly Mass is being held at Santa Soledad Church in Kagman at 6:00 p.m. and will end on Wednesday, November 17.

Lynn was born on the beautiful island of Pohnpei on December 25, 1958. She traveled to many places where she joined her husband during his military assignments, raised a beautiful family, and settled in the beautiful village of Kagman on Saipan.

In her new life, Lynn now joins her:

Father:	†William Nanpei Santos
Mother:	†Elphina Une Santos
Brother:	†Welberson

Lynn is survived by her:

Husband:	Edward C. Camacho
Children:	Winfred (Kobe Jordan), Chinnelle, and Yolani

She is further survived and will be missed by her loving brothers, sisters, uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces, future "children-in-law," and very close friends who became "family" to Lynn at the many places she also called home.

Lynn's funeral services will begin at 7:00 a.m. on November 18 at the CHC Chapel. At 10:00 am, a Mass in her honor will be held at the Santa Soledad Church, followed by her flight to the island of Pohnpei for her final resting place.

Funeral services on Pohnpei will be in Dolonier and Rohn Kitt, beginning Friday afternoon on November 19, and ending on Saturday November 20, 2010.

Edward C. Camacho and Children



NEW STAR

Singer and actress Christina Aguilera poses after she received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in Los Angeles, Monday, Nov. 15, 2010. The pop diva, who launched her career nearly 20 years ago as part of "The New Mickey Mouse Club," received the walk's 2,432nd star. In an interview with The Associated Press before Monday's unveiling, Aguilera said getting the star was "pretty surreal." The 29-year-old singer was still a teenager when she won her first Grammy in 1999, for best new artist. She has collected three more in the years since. She makes her movie debut in "Burlesque," which hits theaters on Nov. 24.

Radcliffe, Watson share torrid 'Harry Potter' kiss

By DAVID GERMAIN
AP MOVIE WRITER

LONDON (AP)—Daniel Radcliffe was expecting a tender embrace when it came time to kiss co-star Emma Watson in the new "Harry Potter" film. What he got was torrid necking, Watson working magic with her lips "like an animal," he said.

"I thought it was going to be like a soft, sensual sort of moment, and it was this very vigorous kissing scene," said Radcliffe, reprising the title role in "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1," the second-to-last of the big-screen adventures about the teen wizard, which opens Friday.

"She really went for it, I have to say. It caught me slightly off guard, but yeah, I'm not complaining. Many men would lose a limb to be in that position, so I was absolutely fine with it," Radcliffe said in an interview.

Opening worldwide this week, the film casts Harry and best pals Hermione Granger (Watson) and Ron Weasley (Rupert Grint) out into the world to fend for themselves, and the journey puts severe strain on their friendship.

Under the spell of an artifact containing part of evil nemesis Voldemort's soul, Ron is sent into a jealous rage by a vision of Hermione, the girl he loves, and Harry taunting him as a third wheel in their relation-



British actress Emma Watson poses for photographs, Friday, Nov. 12, 2010, following an interview with the Associated Press to discuss her role in Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1.

AP

ship. Hermione and Harry then turn to each other and do some kissing that looks positively bestial.

"That was mainly Emma, I have to say," said director David Yates.

The first take was too tame, and Yates said he told the actors it needed to be more "pagan and mad." That's when Watson really delivered.

"I guess I just realized that I would have fewer takes to do if I just got on with it and just gave David what he wanted, which was a passionate kiss. Which was something that would really rock Ron's boat and really be quite painful and nasty for him to watch," Watson said.

Grint shot Ron's raging reactions

alone, without Watson and Radcliffe on set. But he was on hand for Watson and Radcliffe's portions, though he was struck by a case of the giggles watching the colleagues he grew up with in the "Harry Potter" franchise getting down and dirty.

"When they were there actually filming that kiss, they did actually want me there to kind of play off something, but I just found that too funny," Grint said. "Emma sent me out because I kept laughing. It just looked really strange."

Though they were partly clothed, the scene leaves the impression that Radcliffe and Watson are stripped naked. Both wore jeans, while Radcliffe went shirtless and Watson had the front of her torso covered, leaving her back and shoulders bare.

"I didn't want to put them through complete nudity," said director David Yates. "I didn't think it was necessary, because we were going to put some smoke around them" for the scene, which Ron witnesses through a hallucinatory fog.

Watson was thrilled that the scene delivered the sort of amorousness the filmmakers wanted.

"I'm proud of it, and considering how bloody awkward it was, I'm really impressed that we managed to make it look anything other than awkward," Watson said. "Because Dan and I are like brother and sister, so it was tough making it look passionate, believe me."

Animated Oscar race to feature only 3 nominees



In this publicity image released by Fox, Darren Criss portrays Blaine on "Glee."

AP

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Only three nominees will be in the running for best animated feature film at this year's Academy Awards. Oscar organizers announced Monday that 15 animated features have been accepted for consideration, one short of the minimum 16 needed to expand the category to five nominees.

Among the films accepted for consideration are "Toy Story 3,"

which was the year's top-grossing movie, along with fellow hits "How to Train Your Dragon," "Despicable Me," "Shrek Forever After" and "Megamind."

Also in the running: "Alpha and Omega," "Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore," "Idiots and Angels," "Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole," "My Dog Tulip" and "Tinker Bell

and the Great Fairy Rescue."

The final four of the academy's 15 accepted films still need to start a one-week run at a Los Angeles theater by Dec. 31 to qualify for this year's Oscars: "Tangled," "The Illusionist," "The Dreams of Jinsha" and "Summer Wars."

Nominations come out Jan. 25, with the Oscar ceremony following on Feb. 27.

'Glee' guest star Darren Criss joins Fox show

LOS ANGELES (AP)—"Glee" guest star Darren Criss has turned a "Teenage Dream" into reality.

The Fox series' co-producer, Twentieth Television, says Criss and his character, prep school glee club member Blaine, will continue to appear on the show this season and that Criss could become a regular next year under a newly signed deal.

The 23-year-old's character was introduced last week as a mentor to Kurt (Chris Colfer), an out gay student who faces harassment at school. Criss and the glee club at his school performed a cover of Katy Perry's "Teenage Dream" in that episode.

Twentieth Television says the cover scored the highest first-day

sales for a "Glee" track, with more than 55,000 downloads.

Criss returns on Tuesday's episode of "Glee," which features guest star Gwyneth Paltrow as a substitute teacher.

Twentieth Television says whether Criss' character and Kurt become romantically involved has yet to be decided.

Kids who send thank-yous stay on Santa's 'nice' list

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
FROM UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE



Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: At Christmas, "Santa" always fills my children's stockings with a mix of fun, edible and practical items. A few years ago, when my oldest child was beginning to write, my husband and I started the tradition of tucking packets of thank-you cards into their stockings.

We explained that Santa must have given them the cards so they would have stationery to write thank-you notes to family and friends for the gifts they had received. The cards are a wonderful reminder to my children that they need to express their gratitude to those who have spent time and money to buy and send them a gift. Usually there are cards left over to cover thank-you notes at birthday time as well.

Unfortunately, these days, not enough people—even adults—take the time to write a note of appreciation for presents they are given. I believe parents should encourage children to do this as soon as they are able to understand the concept. I hope my husband and I are instilling a lifelong habit in our children. Abby, can you help get the point across?

THANKFUL MOM IN BRUNSWICK,
MAINE

DEAR THANKFUL MOM: Gladly. You are teaching your children an important lesson. It's a formality that started being ignored decades ago. Then, as years passed, it was a custom that was not just ignored, but many people forgot it existed. The result was that parents who hadn't been taught the social niceties did not teach them to THEIR children.

When I publish letters about thank-you notes, I invariably receive an avalanche of letters and e-mails from readers complaining that they are hurt and offended because they don't receive thank-you notes. Some individuals use texts and e-mails to acknowledge gifts. However, for most people a handwritten note is much more memorable. Thanking someone for a gift, an invitation to a party or a kind deed in writing is important.

While composing a letter may always be a chore to some people, there are occasions when the written message is the only proper means of communication. It shows effort, and can become a keepsake. For those people who have difficulty expressing their thoughts, my booklet "How to Write Letters for All Occasions" covers a few basic rules for acknowledging gifts, expressing sympathy and accepting or declining an invitation. It can be ordered by sending your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$6 (U.S. funds), to Dear Abby—Letters Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price. Not everyone can write letters that are literary masterpieces, but for anyone who wonders how to put in writing a brief, charming thank-you note, a letter expressing congratulations, a love letter—or one that announces a broken engagement—my booklet will serve as a guide to those who have put off writing because they didn't know what to say, how to say it, or even how to begin.

Because the season for exchanging gifts is nearly here, "Thankful Mom," your letter is an important and timely one.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

Facebook to revamp messaging service

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Facebook is revamping its messaging service. The popular social network unveiled its plans in San Francisco on Monday. Blogs had been buzzing with speculation, a big one being that Facebook will announce an e-mail service, its answer to Google Inc.'s Gmail. But Facebook says e-mail will be just one component of its plans. CEO Mark Zuckerberg says the company doesn't believe e-mail is going to be a modern messaging system. The announcement comes a day before Zuckerberg speaks at the Web 2.0 Summit in San Francisco.

Cash among 4 chosen for Gospel Hall of Fame

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—The late Johnny Cash is among four new inductees into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame. DeGarmo & Key, the Golden Gate Quartet and Bill "Hoss" Allen also will be inducted on Jan. 24 in Hendersonville, Tenn. Cash was raised on gospel music and famously turned to religion and Christian music midway through his career in search of a way to beat his problems with addiction. This year's inductees come from very different backgrounds. Rock band DeGarmo & Key was the first Christian act to air a video on MTV.

The Golden Gate Quartet introduced jazz to gospel. Allen helped take the sound of gospel to the nation as an influential DJ on WLAC out of Nashville. The Gospel Hall of Fame was founded in 1971 and more than 150 members have been inducted so far.

'No Country' producer Rudin earns Selznick prize

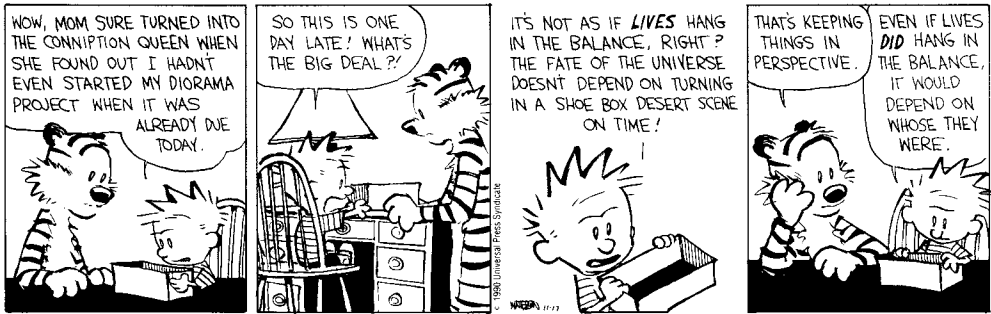
LOS ANGELES (AP)—Scott Rudin, producer of Academy Awards champ "No Country for Old Men" along with "The Social Network" and the upcoming Western remake "True Grit," has earned a career-achievement

prize from his producing peers. The Producers Guild of America announced Monday that Rudin will receive its David O. Selznick honor at the group's awards ceremony Jan. 22. Among Rudin's other credits are next year's English-language remake of "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo," "Julie & Julia," "The Queen," "The Hours," "The Truman Show" and "The Addams Family." Past recipients of the Selznick award include Clint Eastwood, Billy Wilder, Brian Grazer, Jerry Bruckheimer, Laura Ziskin and last year's winner, Pixar Animation mastermind John Lasseter.

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson



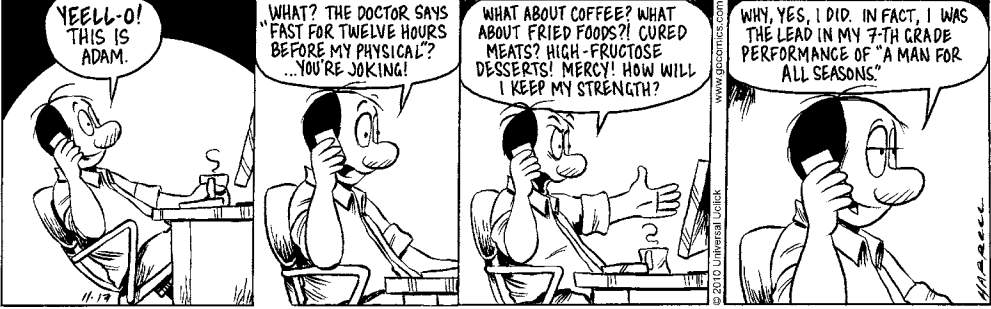
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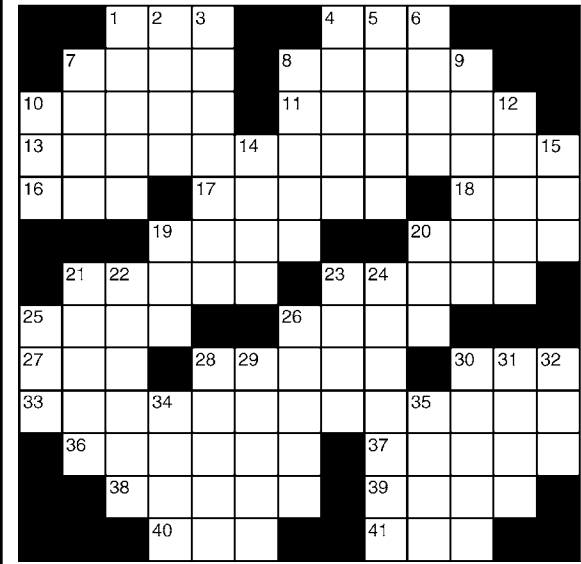
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7 Earthenware
8 Leading man?
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12 Missteps
14 Adolescent
15 Bro's counterpart
19 Prepare Easter eggs
20 Last (Abbr.)
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22 Playing marbles
23 Apportion (out)
24 Show
25 "Wha'd ya say?"
26 Recess
28 Tear to bits
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34 "Bye"
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Yesterday's answer 11-17

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take action. Not everyone will like what you are doing but at least you are doing something. The progress you make will help you out financially and contractually. An interesting and unusual partnership will develop if you are receptive. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Concentrate more on working as a team player. There is a lot that you can master if you have good people helping you out. Aggressive financial moves will place you in a good position professionally and personally. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You'll be quick to respond and on top of anything that needs to be done. Don't overdo it or take on too much and you can expect to experience lots of progress and applause for your hard work. Love is on the rise. Let your feelings be heard. ****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't give in to anyone trying to bully you. A partnership will experience some difficulties. You will have to maintain balance in order to

avoid criticism. An old friend or colleague may be able to help you. **

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You need to relax and play a little. The more fun you are to be with, the easier it will be to make business and personal connections that lead to a better position and lifestyle. Children can play an important role in your life. *****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Money can be made, deals signed and legal matters settled if you are open to a couple of changes. It's best to give up a little now to avoid losing more later. A new hobby or activity will eliminate stress and improve your attitude. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Stop tormenting yourself. Do what needs to be done and move on. If you take too much time waffling, someone will take advantage of your vulnerable state of mind. Size up your situation and respond. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Have more confidence in what you do and what you have to offer. Don't be afraid to be a little different. Even if you don't please everyone, the people who do like what you are offering will make your unique effort worthwhile. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Keep things going even if someone tries to get in your way or throws you off course. Put your energy and thoughts into something concrete that will bring benefits far beyond your expectations. *****

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't make a fuss or you will face complaints. Do what you can to help a group you feel is doing a good job. A change at home will bring you greater fortune and a chance to do something nice for someone. **

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Pleasing someone will make all the difference in the world to the way you are treated. You can do something that will bring a marked improvement to the way you present who you are and how you look. There is money heading your way. ****

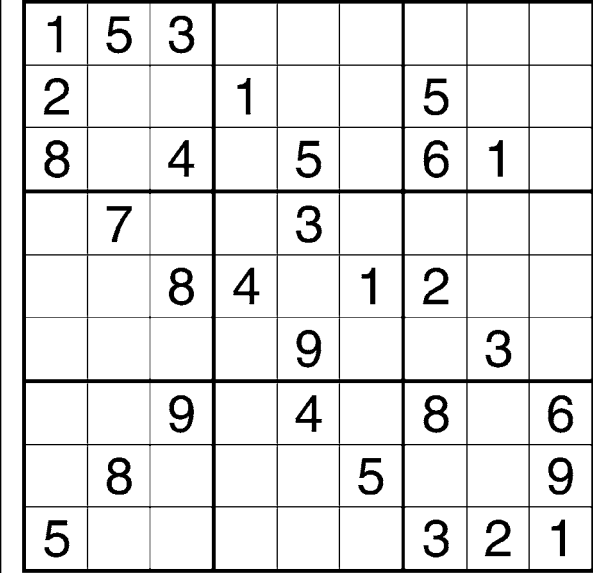
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Listen carefully and you will discover valuable information. A crucial change will turn a negative into a positive. Intuitively knowing what someone you care for is thinking will move this relationship in a positive direction. ***

Birthday Baby: You are sensitive, passionate, playful and outspoken. You are open to possibilities and you are a dreamer.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green



Difficulty Level ★★★ 11/17

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Saturday's SUDOKU Answer

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5	4	9	6	8	7	2	1	3

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By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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Vick, Eagles embarrass McNabb, Redskins



LANDOVER, Md.

(AP)—Michael Vick, not Donovan McNabb, played like a \$78 million quarterback, accounting for six touchdowns all by himself.

And his Philadelphia Eagles marched down the field in one big chunk after another, doing enough times to put new entries in the various record books.

On a day the Washington Redskins hoped to celebrate McNabb's new contract and set aside the swirl of distractions from his benching two weeks earlier, Vick and the Eagles stormed the party and thoroughly embarrassed their NFC East rivals 59-28 Monday night.

The Eagles said they were motivated by what McNabb said after the Redskins beat Philadelphia 17-12 last month. McNabb, speaking of the off-season trade that sent him to Washington, said at the time: "Everybody makes mistakes in their lifetime, and they made one last year."

"We got fired up," Eagles center Mike McGlynn said. "Donovan had said some things after they beat up that fired us up, saying how they made a terrible decision and everybody makes mistakes. I think we're happy with where we are right now."

McGlynn also blamed Redskins safety LaRon Landry for a pregame skirmish. McGlynn also said he was spit on by Landry twice during the game.

"That really fired us all up, and we really put the afterburners on," McGlynn said. "It's good to come out and score 60 points almost. We all want to play the game with all the respect in the world. When people come out and disrespect it like that, I think you've got to be more respectful of the game. That's just a terrible thing. I think we just looked at it as 'Hey, let's keep pouring it on.'"

The Eagles scored on an 88-yard pass from Vick to DeSean Jackson on the first play from scrimmage, led 35-0 after the first play of the second quarter and barely let up.

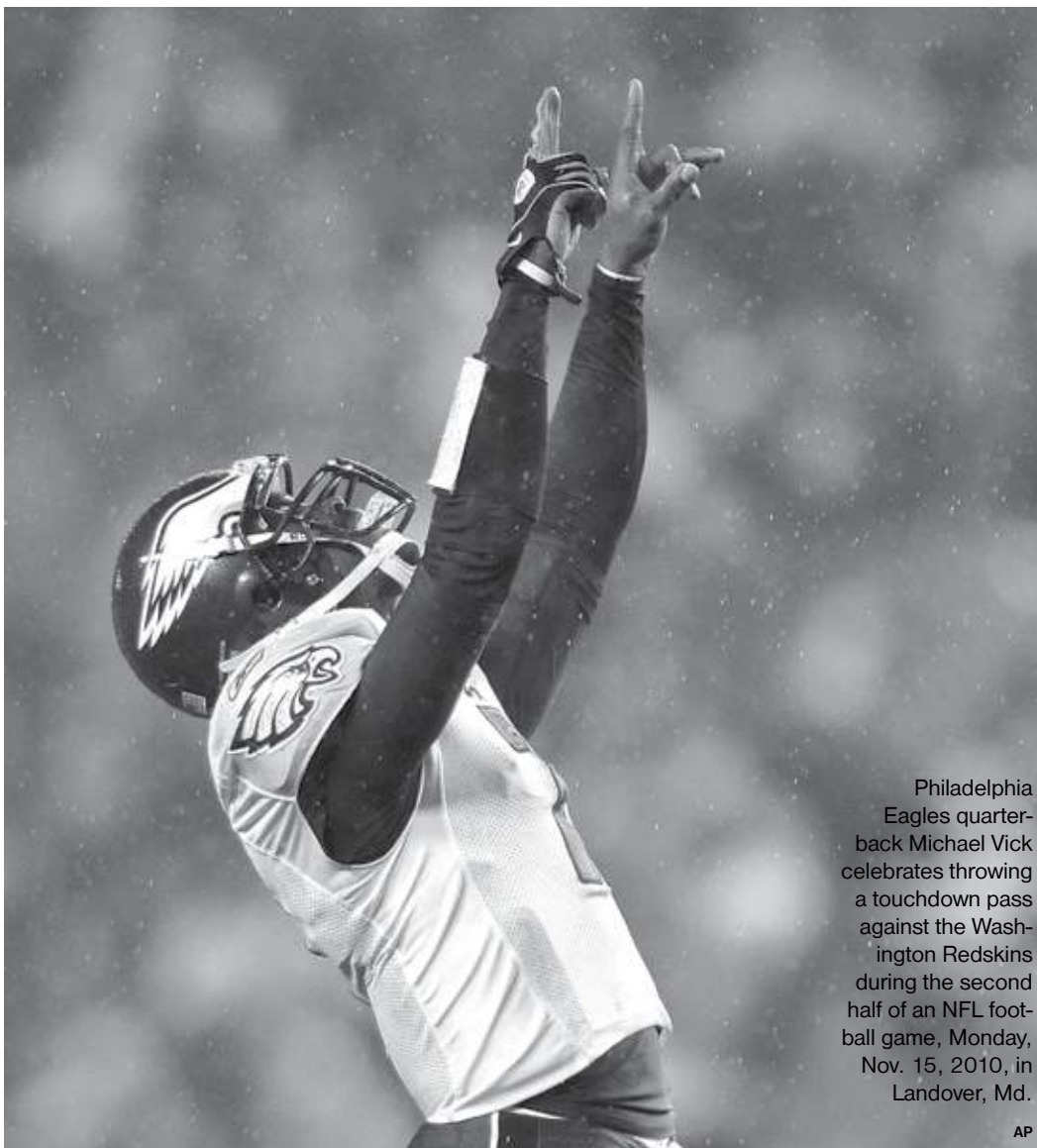
Vick completed his first 10 passes and finished 20 for 28 for 333 yards with four touchdowns. He also ran eight times for 80 yards and two scores, moving past Steve Young and into second place in NFL history for yards rushing by a quarterback.

The Eagles set team records for total yards in a game (592), points in a half (45) and had the biggest lead after the first quarter for any NFL road team (28-0) since at least 1950.

Vick became the first player in NFL history with at least 300 yards passing, 50 yards rushing, four passing touchdowns and two rushing touchdowns in a game. He hasn't thrown an interception or lost a fumble this season.

More practically, the win moved Philadelphia (6-3) into a first-place tie with the New York Giants in the division, with both teams two games ahead of the Redskins (4-5). The Eagles are 4-0 when Vick starts and finishes the game.

A few hours before kickoff, the Redskins signed McNabb to a five-year, \$78 million contract extension with \$40 million guaranteed, putting to rest any doubts as to whether he would remain the centerpiece of coach Mike Shanahan's rebuilding effort. It was Washington's first game since Shanahan benched McNabb in the final two minutes of a loss to the Detroit, when the coach cited McNabb's less-than-full grasp of the two-minute offense



Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Michael Vick celebrates throwing a touchdown pass against the Washington Redskins during the second half of an NFL football game, Monday, Nov. 15, 2010, in Landover, Md.

AP

and later the quarterback's lack of "cardiovascular endurance" stemming from sore hamstrings.

McNabb received a standing ovation and applauded the fans in return when he was introduced with the starting lineups, but most of those fans had left by halftime on a rainy night in which they heartily booed offense and defense alike.

McNabb finished 17 for 31 for 295 yards with two touchdowns and three interceptions, nearly all of the yards coming after the Redskins had dug themselves a five-touchdown hole. Dimitri Patterson intercepted McNabb twice, returning one of them 40 yards for a touchdown in the third quarter.

Interestingly, Shanahan made McNabb finish the entire game this time, even with the game out of reach in the fourth quarter. He said the contract didn't help in dealing with the loss.

"At this point, I'm angry," he said.

The 45 first-half points allowed by the Redskins tied a franchise record, and the (59) total points were the most allowed by a team coached by Shanahan. It was almost as if the players had decided there was no incentive to play well, given that a teammate who got benched in the last game had just received a mega contract.

Vick was among the players at the forefront of a skirmish between the teams on the field before the game, forcing officials to step in and restore peace. Maybe it fired him and his teammates up, because everything seemed to work early on: The Eagles piled up 280 total yards in the first quarter.

The touchdowns came early and often: the 88-yarder to Jackson, who had time to strut backward into the end zone; a 7-yard scramble by Vick; an 11-yard shovel pass to LeSean McCoy; a 50-yard run by Jerome Harrison, who weaved through missed tackles and around bad angles taken by Redskins defenders; a 48-yard pass to Jeremy Maclin, who made a remarkable grab as fell backward onto the pylon; a 6-yard run by Vick on a quarterback draw; a 3-yard pass to Jason Avant; and Patterson's interception runback.

Posey, Feliz picked as Rookies of the Year



NEW YORK

(AP)—San Francisco Giants catcher Buster Posey and Texas Rangers closer Neftali Feliz wound up together on the winning side Monday when they were voted the Rookies of the Year.

Earlier this month, Posey singled off Feliz as the Giants beat Texas in the clinching Game 5 of the World Series.

"It's hard to believe it's been two weeks," Posey said.

Posey hit several key home runs in the stretch, then helped the Giants win the crown for the first time since 1954. He easily outdistanced Atlanta outfielder Jason Heyward for the National League award.

Feliz, the rocket-armed righty who set a rookie record with 40 saves as Texas reached its first World Series, finished far ahead of Detroit center fielder Austin Jackson for the AL honor.

"I hope it's not a fluke. I hope I have a better season next year," the 22-year-old Dominican reliever said through a translator on a conference call.

Promoted from Triple-A on May 29, Posey quickly adjusted to the big leagues—both at the plate and behind it.

The 23-year-old Posey hit .305 with 18 home runs and 67 RBIs. He homered eight times after Sept. 1 in leading the Giants to the NL West title, and his homer on the final day of the regular season helped them clinch the division.

Posey was picked first on 20 of 32 ballots in voting by members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America. Voting was done by two members of the BBWAA in every league city after the regular season,

with each person listing three players.

Posey was left off the ballot by Yasushi Kikuchi of Kyodo News from the Los Angeles-Anaheim chapter. Kikuchi chose Florida first baseman Gaby Sanchez first, Heyward second and St. Louis pitcher Jaime Garcia third.

"I think Rookie of the Year is for the rookie player who plays better than any other through the entire season. From this standpoint, Gaby and Jason produced more hits and played more games than Posey. Also, Jaime Garcia pitched as a starter through the entire season," Kikuchi said in an e-mail to The Associated Press.

Born Gerald Dempsey Posey III, the nickname "Buster" runs in his family. He was driving with his wife to the Florida Keys when he got word that he had won. He acknowledged he was wondering about the outcome.

"I think I'd be lying to you if I said I didn't think about it," he said on a conference call.

Feliz got 20 first-place votes and was listed on all 28 ballots. He drew seven seconds and one third. He was at Rangers Ballpark, where the World Series ended, when he found out he'd won.

The NL Cy Young will be the next major award to be announced. Philadelphia ace Roy Halladay is considered the front-runner for Tuesday.

Posey hit third and even cleanup for the Giants as they brought the championship to San Francisco for the first

time. He was equally praised for handling a pitching staff that seemed to get better throughout the postseason.

"How rare and amazing it is to have a rookie catcher lead a team to a World Series championship," Giants managing partner Bill Neukom said.

In fact, the last rookie catcher to play for a World Series winner was in 1966 with Baltimore's Andy Etchebarren.

Posey became the first Rookie of the Year winner to become a World Series champion in the same season since Boston's Dustin Pedroia in 2007. The last NL player to do it was Florida's Dontrelle Willis in 2003.

A star at Florida State, the Georgia native went to see the Seminoles play Clemson last weekend. Several football fans in the crowd recognized one of baseball's fastest-rising stars.

"That was nice," he said.

Posey played briefly at first base when he was called up and moved to catcher when the Giants traded Bengie Molina to Texas. He had a 21-game hitting streak in July.

Posey finished with 129 points in the rookie voting. Heyward, who hit .277 with 18 home runs and 72 RBIs, got nine first-place ballots and 107 points.

Garcia drew one first-place vote and 24 points. Sanchez got the other two first-place votes and had 18 points.

Posey was the sixth Giants player to win the honor that was first awarded to Jackie Robinson in 1947. Willie Mays, Orlando Cepeda, Willie McCovey,



Feliz



Posey

Gary Matthews and John Montefusco also won. Montefusco was the most recent, in 1975.

Six catchers have won in the NL, with the Cubs' Geovany Soto the most recent in 2008.

Feliz went 4-3 with a 2.73 ERA in 59 games and finished with 122 points. He was a players' pick for the All-Star team this season.

Jackson, who hit .293, scored 103 runs and showed great range in center field, drew the other eight first-place votes and had 98 points. Minnesota third baseman Danny Valencia was third with 12 points.

Feliz didn't start the season as the Texas closer. Frank Francisco held that role, but lost the spot after blowing two early save chances and Feliz took over.

"At first, I didn't feel very comfortable," he said.

In fact, Feliz went to spring training trying to win a spot as a starter.

"I prepared as hard as I could to win a spot in the rotation. It didn't work out," he said.

For the Rangers, it all worked out more than fine.

Feliz went 40 for 43 on save chances and broke the rookie record of 37 saves set by 2000 AL Rookie of the Year Kazuhiro Sasaki of Seattle. Feliz later became the second-youngest pitcher to earn a save in the World Series, behind only Bob Welch.

This was the third time in the last six seasons that a closer won the AL award. Oakland's Andrew Bailey won last year and Huston Street of the A's got the award in 2005.

Feliz, who got a \$10,000 bonus, became the second Texas player to win, joining Mike Hargrove from 1974.

Posey did not have a bonus provision in his contract.

Terry's 26 points lead Mavericks past Hornets



DALLAS (AP)—Jason Terry, Jason Kidd and Dirk Nowitzki made pressure shots down the stretch to spoil the New Orleans Hornets' perfect start.

Terry scored 26 points, including the go-ahead jumper in the final minute, Nowitzki contributed 25 points and 10 rebounds, and the Dallas Mavericks handed the Hornets their first loss of the season, 98-95 on Monday night.

In the fourth quarter, Terry drained two 3-pointers and had 10 points, Kidd connected on all three 3-pointers, and Nowitzki added eight points and five rebounds.

Terry went 2 for 11 from the floor in the first half, but he stayed aggressive and hit seven of eight second-half shots.

"I was missing wide-open shots, ones that I practice," Terry said. "I'm a shooter, I'm going to keep shooting."

The Mavs rallied from a 10-point, fourth-quarter deficit with a three-guard lineup featuring Terry, Kidd and J.J. Barea to stretch their winning streak to four games.

"It was an attempt to get more play-making into the game, get more penetration in the game," Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle said. "That was a gamble because when you go small, you don't have the length and they are a very long team. But the group that finished did a great job."

New Orleans had been off to a franchise-best 8-0 start and was the NBA's last unbeaten team.

The Hornets got 22 points and nine assists from Chris Paul, but Paul had only two second-half points. Peja Stojakovic added 17 points, Trevor Ariza had 13 points and seven assists, and Emeka Okafor pulled down 14 rebounds for New Orleans.

Terry's 17-footer with 46 seconds remaining gave the Mavericks a 95-92 edge, but Ariza's 3-pointer with 40 seconds left tied it at 95.

Terry hit an 18-footer with 34 seconds to play for a 97-95 advantage. Nowitzki made only one free throw with 2.8 seconds left, giving New Orleans a final chance to tie, but Okafor missed a contested 25-footer at the buzzer.

The teams have a rematch Wednesday night in New Orleans.

"It's special because it's like a mini-playoff series," Terry said. "And we held serve by winning at home, and now we go on the road. That's kind of fun, this early in the season to have something like that."

The Hornets were hurt by missing eight of 24 free throws. The Mavericks weren't much better from the line, missing eight of 27.

After the Mavs trailed by as many as 11 in the third quarter, Terry made 3-pointers on consecutive possessions



New Orleans Hornets center Emeka Okafor (50) blocks a shot by Dallas Mavericks guard Jason Terry (31) during the first half of an NBA basketball game in Dallas, Monday, Nov. 15, 2010.

to open the final period, pulling the Mavericks within 78-75.

Paul, who spent the final 7:34 of the third quarter on the bench with four fouls, returned about two minutes into the fourth quarter.

Four consecutive 3-pointers by Willie Green, Stojakovic, Green and Stojakovic gave the Hornets a 90-83 lead with 6:04 remaining. Dallas came back with a 13-3 spurt, capped by Nowitzki's 3-pointer with 3:20 to play to tie it at 90.

New Orleans used a 10-0 run early in the third quarter for a 62-52 pad, but Paul went to the bench after collecting his fourth foul. Even without him for the rest of the quarter, the Hornets held a 76-69 edge at the end of three.

"You can't do nothing on the bench," Paul said of his foul difficulties. "That's my fault. I felt like the fouls were here or there, that's my fault, I can't expect

the refs to not call it."

Paul, averaging 17 points in the first eight games, went 8 of 11 from the field to send New Orleans to a 52-47 advantage at the break.

Dallas made defensive changes that limited Paul to 1-for-5 shooting in the second half.

"Well, that's the game, I wouldn't say it was anything on him," Hornets coach Monty Williams said. "The guy drops 20 on you, you're going to make some adjustments. There was nothing wrong with him, he just didn't get the looks he had in the first half."

Thunder 115, Jazz 108

In Salt Lake City, Oklahoma City ended Utah's five-game winning streak, led by Kevin Durant's 30 points.

Serge Ibaka and Russell Westbrook added 22 apiece for the Thunder who trailed by 12 points as Utah's Deron

Williams hit his first six shots. Williams finished with 31 points and 11 assists.

Oklahoma City made 33 of 34 from the free throw line, including 10 straight in the fourth quarter to seal the victory.

The Jazz pulled within three points with 12 seconds left, but Durant made four straight free throws to end it.

Magic 89, Grizzlies 72

In Orlando, the hosts smothered Memphis defensively, holding the Grizzlies to their lowest score in two seasons.

Dwight Howard had 18 points and 14 rebounds and Vince Carter scored 19 points for Orlando, which built a 16-point lead, lost it, then went back ahead by 17 points in the fourth quarter to put away the game.

They held the high-scoring Grizzlies—who came into the game averaging 104 points per game—to 36 percent shooting.

Marc Gasol had 14 points and eight rebounds in the Grizzlies' third straight loss.

Suns 100, Nuggets 94

In Phoenix, the hosts overcome a 15-point, first-half deficit to beat Denver for the 12th straight time at home.

Hakim Warrick scored 21 points to lead a balanced attack for the Suns, who had a rough night from 3-point range, making just 4 of 20 after nearly breaking the NBA record with 22 in a win over the Lakers the day before.

Phoenix also had a sloppy first half (at both ends), making up for it by putting six players in double figures. Steve Nash had 15 points and seven assists.

Carmelo Anthony had 20 points and 22 rebounds for Denver.

Warriors 101, Pistons 97

In Oakland, Golden State remained undefeated at home despite losing nearly all of a 32-point, first-half advantage against Detroit.

Monta Ellis scored 24 of his 27 points in the first half and Stephen Curry added 21 points as the Warriors improved to 5-0 at home; their best start since winning their first six of the 1990-91 season.

Charlie Villanueva scored 18 points, one of six Pistons to reach double figures, as Detroit rushed back from the large deficit to draw within 98-96 with 14 seconds remaining.

Bobcats 113, Timberwolves 110

In Charlotte, Gerald Wallace set a franchise record with 17 free throws made as Charlotte rallied to beat Minnesota.

Wallace scored 26 points and also made a key steal late for the Bobcats, who entered the game as the NBA's only winless team at home, and looked set for an 0-5 home court

record when they trailed 107-99 with 2:08 left. But Wallace and Stephen Jackson, who also scored 26 points, led Charlotte's comeback.

Wallace's two free throws with 31.6 seconds left put Charlotte ahead to stay.

Minnesota's Michael Beasley scored 28 points, but had two key turnovers in the closing minutes.

Nets 110, Clippers 96

In Los Angeles, New Jersey overcame the second-quarter ejection of leading scorer Devin Harris to hand Los Angeles its sixth straight loss.

Brook Lopez scored 24 points for the Nets and Travis Outlaw added 23 against his former team.

Harris had eight points and seven assists in 14 minutes before his sudden departure for the frightening Grade 2 flagrant foul against rookie forward Blake Griffin by tackling him on a breakaway drive.

The injury-depleted Clippers, off to a 1-10 start and struggling badly without center Chris Kaman and point guard Baron Davis, got 30 points from shooting guard Eric Gordon in his second game back from a bruised shoulder.

NBA BRIEFS

Lopez out with knee sprain

PHOENIX (AP)—Phoenix Suns center Robin Lopez is expected to miss several weeks with moderate sprains of two ligaments in his left knee. Lopez sprained his knee in the second quarter of Phoenix's win over the Los Angeles Lakers Sunday night when teammate Jared Dudley fell into him while driving to the basket. An MRI revealed sprained medial collateral and posterior cruciate ligaments. Lopez started the Suns' first nine games, but struggled while trying to recover from a back injury last season that damaged nerves in his right leg and hampered his explosiveness. He averaged 5.3 points and 4.3 rebounds while playing just 17 minutes per game.

Scola says he'd play next year even with lockout

NEW YORK (AP)—Luis Scola says he wants to play for Argentina in next summer's FIBA Americas championship even if there is a lockout. Scola says playing international tournaments is a great way to stay in shape, so he sees "no reason" not to and would get insurance and play—a risk many players might not take if the NBA is closed for business by a work stoppage. Argentina is hosting the tournament, a qualifier for the 2012 Olympics. Its generation of stars such as Scola and Manu Ginobili, who led the country to Olympic gold in 2004 and bronze in 2008, was viewing the tournament as a chance to say goodbye to its home fans and earn one last trip to the Olympics. "I think we deserve it. We played there in 2001, it was the beginning of this whole thing that we have now and I think this could be a great chance to end it," the Houston forward said before playing the Knicks. Argentina won the championship as hosts that summer, kicking off its run as an international power. Scola was the MVP of the last two FIBA Americas tournaments, in 2007 and 2009, and was the leading scorer last summer in the world championship.

LeBron humbled by Person of Year award nomination

MIAMI (AP)—If the Miami Heat changing room was polled, LeBron James would not have unanimous support in the race for Time's Person of the Year.

James wouldn't even vote for himself.

Calling it "crazy" just to be on the list of finalists for the award, the NBA's reigning two-time MVP seemed almost a bit embarrassed on Monday when he learned that he was one of the final 25 names under consideration. The winner

of the award, bestowed since 1927 on a person or group who "has done the most to influence the events of the year," is expected to be revealed next month.

"I am who I am and I think I'm in a position of my life where I'm going to get better every day," James said after Miami wrapped up its practice Monday. "But it's too much."

Other finalists this year include President Barack Obama (the 2008

winner), Lady Gaga, Sarah Palin, Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert, conservative commentator Glenn Beck, Afghan President Hamid Karzai and Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

Also on the list: The trapped Chilean miners who spent more than two months underground before finally being reached and rescued in a gripping story that was covered worldwide.

"That's just crazy," James said. "What those guys did, the courage and what they stood for, I should be nowhere near that list. Nowhere near it."

Charles Lindbergh was the first winner of the award. President Franklin D. Roosevelt is the only three-time winner, and most recent winners include Vladimir Putin in 2007, Obama in 2008 and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke in 2009.

Darag family, Puti Yu top 3-on-3 hoops tournament

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The Darag family bested a nine-team field to win the U12 championship, while team Puti Zu topped its five-team pool to take

home the U16 title during the Rollers Basketball Club's 3-on-3 Family Fun Night fundraiser tournament last Saturday at the Garapan Basketball Court. "On behalf of the entire RBC, I want to send out a great thanks to all of the parents and sponsors for making this event possible. Everybody had a lot of fun and

it feels good to know that the community embraces our efforts. This event was a new idea and it turned out to be both very fun and competitive," said RBC head coach Joe Diaz. The event also aimed to help raise funds for RBC's upcoming trip to Guam where they

will compete in the 4th Annual Barrigada MPC Thanksgiving Tournament. The group is set to fly out tomorrow morning. Along with bragging rights, the winners received a basketball provided by All Star Sporting Goods, movie tickets from Hollywood Theater, Pacific Islands Club water park passes,

small coolers provided by Coca-Cola, and various gift cards valued at over \$150 from National Office Supply, Brabu Pharmacy, McDonald's, Subway, Scoops, and Fotten Gaga. The U12 division carried out a double-elimination format. The Darag family, made up of brothers John and Sam along with their father, Rey, swept its first three games and was allotted an automatic spot in the championship match where they met the Lakers.

The U16 division used a double round-robin format. Puti Yu—made up of Ryan Iglecias, Jon Camacho, and his father Julian—finished with a win-loss record of 4-2 and barely advanced to the championship where it went up against favored New Boys. Puti Yu came out on top of a close U16 finals match, 8-6. The New Boys won five out of their six games coming into the final, but came up a couple of baskets short when it counted the most.

GORILLA

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Preceding the main events is a Tinian versus Tinian 145-lb featherweight matchup between George Manglona (1-2) of Team Zeng Zung and Zalaka's Derick "The Gladiator" Chen (1-2). Seven other amateur bouts are listed on the fight card for the evening, primarily featuring Tinian fighters. The GWMMA events on Tinian serve as the island's amateur proving ground for local fighters. The night starts off with a 130-lb flyweight match between debuting Joe Duenas

of Zalaka against independent fighter Gerry Mundo (1-0). Then in a 210-lb heavyweight brawl, independent fighter V.J. Arriola debuts against Zalaka's Frank "The Tank" Faisao (1-0). After the heavyweights, two Tinian versus Marianas Elite bouts will go down starting with independent lightweight Peter Ayuyu (0-1) of Tinian taking on Saipan's P.J. Cabrera (1-0) at 150-lb, followed by independent featherweight Dennis Pua debuting against Saipan's V.J. Pua. Then a second heavyweight battle is listed on the card featuring independent Saipan fighter Rick "Too Slick" San Nicolas and a still-to-be-deter-

mined opponent. Similarly, Predator Combat's James Castro (1-0) is also listed to fight a still-to-be-determined Tinian opponent at the 145-lb weight class. After the Saipan versus Tinian mystery bouts, Peter Cepeda (2-0) of Zeng Zung welcomes independent newcomer Eugene Wong to the ring in a 140-lb featherweight match. Cepeda is the second Guam-based fighter who will be coming over to represent Tinian. **Texas Hold'em Poker** Immediately following the Into the Jungle, a 50-seat Texas Hold'em Poker tournament will cap off the night.

Prize money for the winner is \$1,500, second place gets \$500, while third takes home \$300. Additionally, \$150 will be given to the fourth and \$50 to the fifth place finisher. A \$50 entry fee plus a \$5 commission must be paid before 6pm on Saturday in order to play. Availability resides on a first-come, first-serve basis and 15 alternates will be accepted. All players will start with a bank of \$2,500 in chips. Alternates are players who get to take the place of a player who gets eliminated before the raising of the first blind level. In addition, cash games will also take place Saturday starting at 3pm.

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Five of the Pink Dynamites' six victories were in the doubles event with the tandem of Jerry Hibi and Kanata Omori giving their team its first win after edging Lito Mendoza and Richard Asuncion in the men's B1-C2 doubles division 2-1. B1-C2 is one of the categories in the competition with players categorized based on their skill level. In the women's C-B2 doubles, So Young Lee and Elma Labuson blanked Malou Mendoza and Lani Bartolome, 3-0, while Joey Algenio and Toshiko Obata had a similar 3-0 shut-out win against Eydie Uy and Merlie Tolentino in the mixed C1-B3 doubles to give the Pink Dynamites their third win in a row. Next to play for the Pink Dynamites were Marlene Peraja and Dick Guinto, who slipped

past Ferdie Arago and Hannah Choi in the mixed A-B1 doubles, 2-1, to extend the top-seeded team's winning streak. The Pink Dynamites completed a 6-0 sweep of the first part of the semifinals when the pair of Efren Cacdac and Rommel Monserat, and Obata won their respective matches. Cacdac and Monserat were pitted against Ariel Mariano and Roger Vales in the men's B2 doubles with the first pair walking away with a 3-0 triumph. In the lone women's B3 singles game in last weekend's semifinal round, Obata crushed Tolentino, 3-0, to secure the first finals seat for the Pink Dynamites. After six games, the Pink Dynamites have earned 16 won sets against two of the Orange Shuttle Masters. The Pink Dynamites and Orange Shuttle Masters will play two more singles games and two doubles events this week-

end. Guinto and Arago will collide in the men's A singles, while Algenio will take on Uy in the men's C1 singles. In the doubles event, the duo of Omori and Lee will battle Asuncion and Malou Mendoza in the mixed C2-C doubles, while Hibi and Monserat will challenge Lito Mendoza and Vales in the men's B1-B2 doubles. In the other semis pairing, the Black Hawks are a win away from clinching the second finals ticket and arranging a championship showdown against the Pink Dynamites. The second-ranked Black Hawks took a 5-0 lead in their semis duel over the third-seeded Yellow Idols last weekend, thanks to two forfeited games. The Black Hawks were awarded their first win after Merly Savellano's foe in the women's B3 singles—Emily Vargas—had a no show. The Yellow Idol's Hapi Gabriel also

failed to make it to his men's A singles game against Rey Bulaon, giving the Black Hawks a 2-0 advantage. Rick Brien won the third singles game for the Black Hawks after downing Father Charlie Borja in the men's C2 singles, 3-0, and the second-ranked squad moved closer to the finals after sweeping the first two doubles matches. Angie Ito and Annette Quiambao won the women's B1-C doubles game against Malou Malasarte and Heo In Seouk, 3-0, while Edwin Montoya and Oh Imbog also shut out Saul Gargallo and Manatsu Omori in the men's B1-C doubles, 3-0. After five games, the Black Hawks have collected 10 won sets against the Yellow Idols' three. The Yellow Idols now have to sweep the last five matches next weekend to keep their finals bid alive.

G-STARS

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eight minutes of action, where it trailed, 4-16. Anjo Ferrer managed nine markers in the second quarter to help get the ball rolling for Saina, but it still trailed, 16-28, at the break. The G-Stars let their guard down after the break and allowed Saina to creep back into the game. Ferrer delivered nine more in the third that helped Saina briefly make it a one-point game near the end of the third period. G-Stars captain Clayton Kenty managed seven points to help maintain a 44-38 lead heading into the final period. Saina kept its rhythm going at the start of the fourth, but the

G-Stars roared back in the final minutes to pull off a somewhat sloppy recovery. Saina showed a lot of heart and hustle to obtain ample scoring opportunities, but simply missed too many shots. Rabauliman led the G-Stars with 21 points, while Ferrer turned in a game-high 23 in the loss. In the curtain raiser, Rollers B brushed off Hi-5, 67-54, after a slow start to notch its second win in eight games, while Hi-5's card fell to a pair of wins with five losses. Ariel Urbano led Hi-5 with six points in the opening period to help his team build a two-possession advantage, 16-11. Then Rollers B made a key line change to start the second quarter and turn the table on Hi-5. Rollers B's Savali Talalemotu hoarded the majority of

the rebounds and led his team with seven points in the second. His teammates John Darag and John Paul Cenir tallied five points apiece, while the Rollers B defense contained Hi-5 to 10 points in the period. Hi-5 was stuffed again to just 10 points after the break as Rollers B stretched its lead to 13 points, 49-36, heading into the last quarter. Ezra Caro scored nine points in the fourth for Hi-5, but 10 points from Talalemotu thwarted his effort. Once Rollers B settled down in the second quarter, they played smart and shared the ball. Rollers B dominated possession of the ball and made their free throws late in the game to seal the deal. Talalemotu led all scorers with 15 points and received a

lot of support this time around, while Caro scored a team high 14 for Hi-5 in the loss. **First Game** **Rollers B 67** — Talalemotu 15, Cenir 13, Darag 12, Ada 11, Hambros 8, Igitol 4, DL Guerrero 2. **Hi-5 54** — Caro 14, G. Macahito 10, Urbano 9, F. Macahito 8, Ambalon 5, Iglesias 4, Atalig 2, Brana 2. **Scoring by quarters:** 11-16, 32-26, 49-36, 67-54. **Second Game** **G-Stars 55** — Rabauliman 21, Kenty 14, Devero 8, Palacios 6, Concepcion 4, Manalili 2. **Saina 48** — Ferrer 23, Castro 10, Li 6, Saturno 5, Norita 2, Sambilay 2. **Scoring by quarters:** 16-4, 28-16, 44-38, 55-48.

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2010 NMA All Schools Cross Country Championship

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Participants in the 2010 NMA All Schools Cross Country Championship take off from the starting line at the CPA Field last Saturday.



Hopwood Junior High School's Berneil Taisacan nears the finish line of the one-mile race.



Whispering Palms' Johnny Auther, left, and Hopwood's Nelton Skerei sprint to the finish line.



Two Saipan Community School runners head to the finish line.



Long course top finisher Michael Mancao of Marianas High School resets his stopwatch after crossing the finish line.



Marianas High School's Reylynn Sapong ruled the girls U18 race.



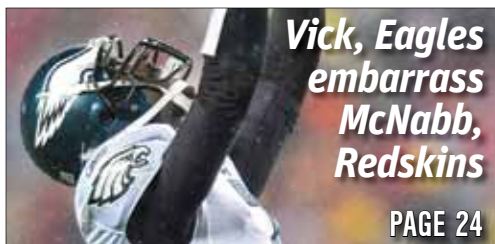
Northern Marianas Athletics coach Elias Rangamar, in red cap, gives a race briefing.



A Saipan Community School runner holds his shoe on his way to the finish line.



Three runners are about to complete the first lap of the two-mile race.



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NMITA mulls Pacific Games stint

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Northern Mariana Islands Tennis Association is considering sending players to the 14th Pacific Games in Noumea, New Caledonia.

Northern Mariana Islands Tennis Association president Jeff Race said it is possible that the CNMI will compete in next year's event after Tim Quan showed interest for a second Pacific Games stint.

"He asked me about the details of the Pacific Games and said he is interested in playing for the CNMI again," Race said during the Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association monthly meeting last week at the TSL Plaza.

"However, nothing is definite yet. Tim said he will check his school schedule and will get back to me soon for his final decision," the NMITA head added.

Quan was the CNMI's lone representative in the tennis competition in the 13th Pacific Games in Apia, Samoa in 2007. He made it to the Round of 32 after beating Guam's William Camacho, 6-3, 6-1, before losing to former Pacific Oceania Davis Cup team member Muka Godinet of American Samoa, 1-6, 6-3, 4-6.

He was part of the CNMI Team that dominated the tennis competition in the 2006 Micronesian Games on Saipan and this year, he also participated in the 2010 Micronesian Games in Palau, but played for the Commonwealth's basketball team.

After his stint with the CNMI Nationals, Quan went back to the mainland for his post-graduate study.

When Quan informed Race of his interest in representing the CNMI in tennis again, the 2006 Micro Games silver medalist also asked if NMITA could find him a partner.

"It is a good idea, as if we will be competing in New Caledonia, we should make the most of it. Tim was in Samoa alone and after he lost the singles game, he was gone. He wanted to play doubles, but couldn't," Race said.

Race thought of players on Saipan to team up with Quan, but they either have commitments or could not meet the eligibility rules. Bobby Cruz, who was part of the CNMI Tennis Team in Palau will be in school by the time the Pacific Games

kicks off (Aug. 27), while Kirk Schuler could not make the residency requirement. As for Race, he said he will be better off as a coach than a player at the Pacific Games.

"Then I thought of Colin Sinclair and I contacted him and he said he is interested," Race said.

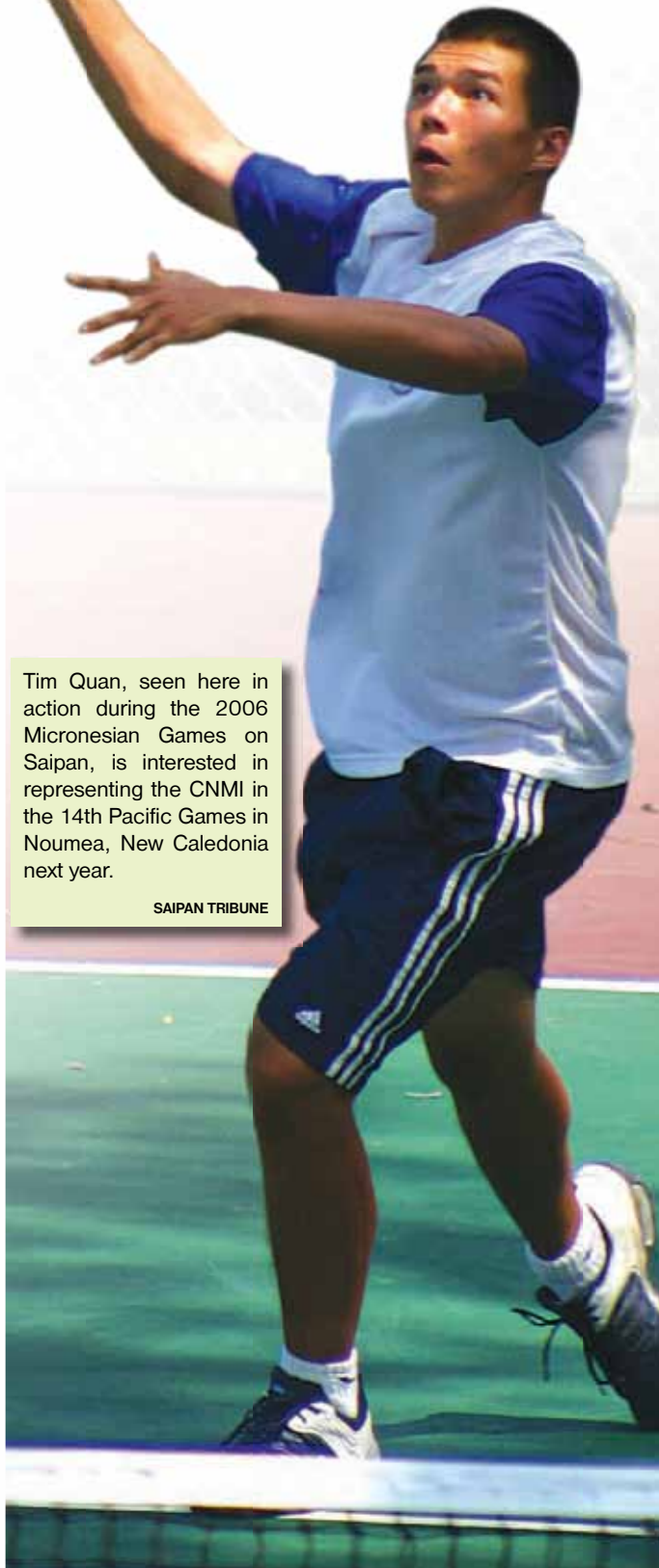
Colin is a former junior player in the early 2000 and the son of Peter Sinclair, a member of the CNMI Triathlon Team that competed in the 2003 Pacific Games in Suva, Fiji.

According to Race, the younger Sinclair is now based in Brisbane, Australia and still plays tennis and is in tough form.



Tim Quan, seen here in action during the 2006 Micronesian Games on Saipan, is interested in representing the CNMI in the 14th Pacific Games in Noumea, New Caledonia next year.

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Black Hawks vs Pink Dynamites in finals looms

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The Pink Dynamites virtually sealed the first finals seat in the 4th Annual Traders Insurance Badminton Team Tournament and are likely to duel the Black Hawks in the championship, following last week's preliminary results in the semifinal round.

The top-seeded Pink Dynamites were paired against the fourth-ranked Orange Shuttle Masters and swept the first six matches to zero in to the first finals berth. The four remaining games will be played this weekend with the Orange Shuttle Masters hoping for a decent finish in the semifinals after losing its finals bid early.

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The Pink Dynamites' Marlene Peraja serves while teammate Dick Guintu looks on during their doubles match against Orange Shuttle Masters' Ferdie Arago and Choi Hannah during the semifinal round of the Traders Insurance badminton tournament last Sunday at the REM Center.

G-Stars, Rollers B cruise to wins

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The G-Stars and Rollers B won their respective Saipan Rotary Club Youth Basketball League U19 games Monday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

In the nightcap, the G-Stars fought of a strong rally attempt by Saina to win, 55-48, and improve its win-loss

record to 5-3. Saina, meanwhile, absorbed its eighth loss in as many games.

It was all G-Stars in the first half as Marvin Rabauliman tallied 14 points in the opening frame.

Rabauliman accounted for half of his team's offense. Saina started very slow and was held to only two baskets in the first

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G-Stars guard Chris Devero drives to the hoop in their Rotary caging matchup against Saina Monday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Gorilla Warfare 'Into the Jungle' set at Tinian Dynasty



Charley



Sablan

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Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino will be the site of Gorilla Warfare Mixed Martial Arts' "Into the Jungle" this Saturday, Nov. 20.

Doors open at 6pm with the first fight set to start at 7pm. Tickets are sold at \$25 and Saipan packages are available for \$80 (double occupancy) or \$100 (single occupancy), which are inclusive of airfare, hotel stay, and tickets.

Into the Jungle will have a double main event format. The

last fight of the evening will feature a lightweight match between Trench Tech's Giovanni "Palaxi" Sablan and Marianas Elite's Maitai "The Charger" Charley at the 150-lb division. Sablan enters the ring with a 17-6 win-loss card, while Charley sports a 2-6 mark.

Prior to the Sablan-Charley standoff, the first main event will have Tinian's "GS" Pete Sakisat (3-0) going toe-to-toe with Saipan's "Tabi" Jay Muna (4-6) of the Predator Combat Team in a 135-lb flyweight bout. Sakisat is one of two fighters who train in Guam and is expected to make the trip over.

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